

COMMON COUNCIL
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 CITY HALL
 JUNE 3, 2025

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. City Clerk, Luann Welmer, provided the invocation.
- B. Councilor Josh Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Chris Bartels, Kent Anderson, Frank Miller, Jay Foyst, Josh Burnett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person. Jerone Wood was absent. Elaine Hilber was not present during roll call, but arrived at approximately 6:03 p.m. after the vote for approval of the May 20, 2025 meeting minutes.
- D. Councilor Foyst made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on May 20, 2025, as presented. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Old Business Requiring Council Action

- A. None

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.____, 2025, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM CC (COMMERCIAL: COMMUNITY) TO I3 (INDUSTRIAL: HEAVY)." (Indiana Precast Rezoning) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He explained Indiana Precast is requesting approximately 1.23 acres of property located at 855 Jonesville Road be rezoned I3 (Industrial: Heavy). Jeff displayed several maps and photos of the area. He stated the Plan Commission forwarded the application to City Council with a unanimous favorable recommendation, with ten members in favor and zero opposed. 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 Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Frank Miller	Aye
Kent Anderson	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 eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2025, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO EXPEND FUNDS OVER \$500,000 FOR THE 2ND STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT (ONLY) LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION AREA." Heather Pope, Redevelopment Director, presented this Resolution. She explained the request is for funding to replace a 100-year-old water main in the middle of 2nd Street. Heather stated the amount is not to exceed \$3,396,000.00. She reported there are sufficient funds available for this project in the Central Allocation Area. Heather introduced Roger Kelso, Director of City Utilities, and Andrew Beckort, City Engineer, to assist in answering any questions. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the Resolution as presented. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Frank Miller	Aye
Kent Anderson	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 eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2025, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO EXPEND FUNDS OVER \$500,000 FOR THE DEAVER ROAD/CR 225 W IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION AREA." Heather Pope presented this Resolution. She stated the request is for Deaver Road improvements related to the Toyota Material Handling expansion. Heather explained the Redevelopment Commission voted to engage American Structurepoint to complete the design and engineering work for the improvements in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,078.00. She indicated there are sufficient funds available for this project in the Central Allocation Area. Discussion followed. President Miller opened the meeting for public comments. Brad Davis with *The Republic* asked when the realignment of county roads 150 W to 175 W will come into play. Andrew Beckort stated the design is just now starting on that realignment and the project will probably be early next year. President Miller closed the meeting for public comments. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the Resolution as presented. Councilor Kestler seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Frank Miller	Aye
Kent Anderson	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 eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Councilor Dell reported the Board of Zoning and Appeals (BZA) approved five variances for the PWG affordable housing project to move forward. Councilor Hilber stated the Historical Society is hosting a Chuck Taylor Day on June 7. She also announced Aviation Days are scheduled for June 6 and 7. Councilor Anderson reported Jason Hester has accepted a position as Chief Economic Development Officer with Indy Chamber.
- B. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**
- C. Councilor Hilber made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Dell seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:32 p.m.



Presiding Officer



Clerk of the City of Columbus