

COMMON COUNCIL
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 CITY HALL
 AUGUST 5, 2025

City Council Vice President Grace Kestler 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. Vice President Kestler introduced Pastor Amy Clark Linnemann with Ohio Chapel United Methodist Church, Associate Pastor at Sandy Hook United Methodist Church, and Executive Director of Beloved who provided the invocation.
- B. Vice President Kestler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Elaine Hilber, Jerone Wood, Kent Anderson, Jay Foyst, Josh Burnett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person. Frank Miller was present via WebEx. Chris Bartels was absent. A Quorum was established and the Policy for Electronic Participation was followed.
- D. Councilor Foyst made a motion to approve the minutes from the Joint Common Council and Columbus Redevelopment Commission meeting on July 21, 2025, as presented. Councilor Hilber 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.

II. Old Business Requiring Council Action

- A. None

III. New Business

- 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 CN (COMMERCIAL: NEIGHBORHOOD) AND RS1 (RESIDENTIAL: SINGLE-FAMILY 1) TO CCc (COMMERCIAL: COMMUNITY WITH COMMITMENTS)." (Doc Chumley, LLC Rezoning) *City Council Attorney, Jeff Rocker, recused himself from offering any legal advice on this action item due to Doc Chumley, LLC, being a client with his firm. Any legal advice needed would be addressed by City Attorney Alex Whitted.* Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He explained this is a request to rezone one acre of property located at the northeast corner of Goeller Road and 525 West. Jeff stated the applicant has indicated his intent to renovate the existing building on the property as a market and café. He displayed maps and photographs of the area. The Columbus Plan Commission forwarded this to City Council with a favorable recommendation of nine in favor and zero

opposed, with three commitments. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the Ordinance on the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Foyst seconded the motion. Roll call vote at 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.

- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2025, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM I2 (INDUSTRIAL: GENERAL), CN (COMMERCIAL: NEIGHBORHOOD), AND CC (COMMERCIAL: COMMUNITY) TO RS4 (RESIDENTIAL: SINGLE-FAMILY 4) AND RE (RESIDENTIAL: ESTABLISHED)." (17th & Cottage Rezoning) Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. He stated the rezoning was initiated by the Planning Department to address a long-term mismatch between the commercial and industrial zoning and the residential use of the lots. Jeff indicated the Ordinance involves 29 lots near the intersection of 17th Street and Cottage Avenue. He explained the request is to rezone the lots to RE (Residential: Established) to match the residential zoning in those neighborhoods. Jeff displayed maps and photographs of the area. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the Ordinance on the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote at 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.

IV. Other Business

- A. Vice President Kestler stated she received two forms requesting permission to address City Council. Mark Hajduk, co-owner of Mother Bear's Pizza, spoke on behalf of himself and several small business owners at NexusPark. He expressed concerns of operations at NexusPark and would be interested in creating a dialogue and forming a partnership where all parties can succeed.

Mike Champlain, Chair of the Human Rights Commission, reported a Human Rights Commissioner recently resigned. He stated Council Liaison Frank Miller will be bringing a candidate to Council in the near future. Mike asked Council be expeditious in appointing a new Commission member.

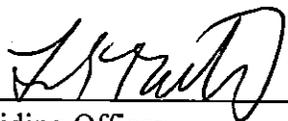
- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Councilor Anderson discussed Senate Bill 1 (SB1) and potential future impact for the City. Vice

President Kestler announced budget hearings are scheduled for Monday, August 18, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 20, 12:00-4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 21, 12:00-4:00 p.m., and Friday, August 22, 12:00-2:00 p.m. (if needed) in Council Chambers.

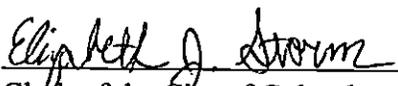
- C. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**
- D. Councilor Hilber made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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 to adjourn passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:37 p.m.



 Presiding Officer



 Deputy Clerk of the City of Columbus