

MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL
May 1, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

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The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm. In the Common Council Chamber at 20. N 6th Street.

President Ahlersmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance led was given to the flag of our Country.

Present: Klinker, Nargi, Snyder, Reynolds, Hession Weiss, Brown, Weast-Williamson, Downing and Brown.

City Clerk Cindy Murray and City Attorney Jacque Chosnek were present.

Councilmember Klinker moved to recess for a public hearing on Ordinance 2023-15 (An Ordinance For Additional Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Grant Fund (Fund#1760)) Councilmember Nargi seconded. No public comment was heard.

Resolution 2023-09 (A Resolution Declaring the Designation of Certain Real Estate as an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) and Approving the Application for Property Tax Abatement-DJS Leasing (Huston Electric) Real Estate) No public comment was heard. Councilmember Snyder moved to reconvene the regular meeting; Councilmember Reynolds seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Hession Weiss moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023, meeting. Councilmember Brown seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There were no Disposal of Claims, Petitions or Communications:

The Clerk stated the following reports are available in the City Clerk's Office: None reported

Ordinances for Second Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-12 (An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana Annexing Certain Territory into the City of Lafayette, Indiana 2023 Concord Crossing – Tippecanoe Development II – DF Properties Super Voluntary Annexation) by title only on second and final reading. Councilmember Weast-Williamson moved for passage, Councilmember Downing seconded. Kevin Riley, Attorney for the petitioners spoke regarding the ordinance. Ordinance 2023-12 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-13 (An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana Annexing Certain Territory into the City of Lafayette, Indiana -2023 Lafayette Southeast Voluntary Annexation Steele Property) by title only on second and final reading. Councilmember Klinker moved for passage, Councilmember Nargi seconded. Jacque Chosnek spoke regarding the ordinance. Ordinance 2023-13 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-14 (An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2022-36 An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of the Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Lafayette, Indiana, For the Year 2023, Excluding the Sworn Protective Occupation and Law Enforcement Members of the Police and Fire Departments) by title only on second and final reading. Councilmember Snyder moved for passage, Councilmember Klinker seconded. Jeremy Diehl noted the ordinance includes two changes. Change one is a new Zoo Educator position within the Parks Department, the salary will be funded by the Parks non-reverting fund. The second change is the Economic Development position of Senior Planner/Project Manager changing to Senior Community Development Manager. Ordinance 2023-14 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-15 (An Ordinance For Additional Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Grant Fund (Fund#1760)) by title only on second and final reading. Councilmember Hession Weiss moved for passage, Councilmember Brown seconded. Jeremy Diehl, Controller spoke regarding the ordinance. Ordinance 2023-15 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-18 (An Amendment to Ordinance No. 2010-11 Establishing a Local Ellsworth/624 New York St. Historic District in the City of Lafayette, Indiana) by title only on second and final reading. Councilmember Weast-Williamson moved for passage, Councilmember Downing seconded. John Collier, Assist, Director Economic Development spoke regarding the ordinance. Ordinance 2023-18 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-19 (An Amendment to Ordinance No. 2010-11 Establishing A Local Wabash Ave/718 Wabash Ave Historic District) by title only on second and final reading. Councilmember Klinker moved for passage, Councilmember Nargi seconded. John Collier, Assist, Director Economic Development spoke regarding the ordinance. Ordinance 2023-19 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-20 (An Amendment to Ordinance No. 2010-11 Establishing A Local Centennial South Historic District) by title only on second and final reading. Councilmember Snyder moved for passage, Councilmember Reynolds seconded. John Collier, Assist Director Economic Development spoke regarding the ordinance. Ordinance 2023-20 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-21 (An Amendment to Ordinance No. 2010-11 Establishing A Centennial East-Central/515 N 7th St. Conservation District) by title only on second and final reading. Councilmember Hession Weiss moved for passage; Councilmember Brown seconded. John Collier, Assist Director Economic Development spoke regarding the ordinance. Ordinance 2023-21 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

Ordinances for first reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-22 (An Ordinance Amending Sections of Chapter 7 City of Lafayette Motor Vehicle and Traffic Control) by title only on first reading. Councilmember Weast-Williamson moved for passage, Councilmember Downing seconded. Jacque Chosnek, City Attorney spoke regarding the changes to this ordinance. Ordinance 2023-22 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on first reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2023-23 (An Ordinance of the Common Council of Lafayette, Indiana Annexing Certain Territory into the City of Lafayette, Indiana Annexing Certain Territory into the City of Lafayette, Indiana 2023 Lafayette Southeast Voluntary Annexation Carr Family Farm II) by title only on first reading. Councilmember Klinker moved for passage, Councilman Nargi seconded. Kevin Riley, Attorney for the petitioner spoke regarding the annexation. Comments and discussion by councilmembers ensued.

The following citizens spoke in opposition of the proposed annexation:

Chris Wischer, attorney representing the town of Dayton. Mr. Wischer responded to several Councilmember questions.

Mark Buhrmester, President Dayton Redevelopment Commission. 264 Washington St., Dayton, In
Cindy Marsh, Dayton, Area Community Coalition

Jen Manago, Dayton Council Member

Ron Koehler, Town Council Member

Kevin Riley spoke in response to citizen comments.

Ordinance 2023-23 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on first reading.

Councilmember Brown moved to set a public hearing on Ordinance 2023-23 for Monday, June 5th at 6:01 PM, Councilmember Weast-Williamson seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolutions:

The Clerk read Resolution 2023-13 (A Resolution to Approve the City of Lafayette Community Development Block Grant and the Lafayette Housing Consortium Home Program Annual Action Plan for 2023) by title only on first and final reading. Councilmember Snyder moved for passage, Councilmember Reynolds seconded. Michelle Reynolds, Director Lafayette Housing Authority spoke regarding the resolution. Councilmember Hession Weiss noted she would be abstaining from the vote due to conflict. Resolution 2023-13 passed 7-0-1 on a roll call vote as follows on first and final reading.

Ayes: Klinker, Nargi, Snyder, Reynolds, Brown, Weast-Williamson and Downing

Nays: none

Abstention: Hession Weiss

The Clerk read Resolution 2023-14 (A Resolution Authorizing Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation to Expand A Vanpool Program Outside its Operational Boundaries) by title only on first and final reading. Councilmember Hession Weiss moved for passage, Councilmember Brown seconded. Bryan Smith, General Manager Citibus gave a detailed overview of how the program would work. Paul Moses, Greater Lafayette Commerce spoke in support of the program. Resolution 2023-15 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

The Clerk read Resolution 2023-15 (A Resolution Confirming the Designation of Certain Real Estate as an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) and Approval of an Application for Property Tax Abatement-DJS Leasing (Huston Electric) Real Estate) by title only on first and final reading. Councilmember Weast-Williamson moved for passage, Councilmember Downing seconded. John Collier, Assistant Director Economic Development spoke regarding the resolution. Resolution 2023-14 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

The Clerk read Resolution 2023-16 (A Resolution Approving A Deduction for Tax Abatement in an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) Huston Electric, Inc, Personal Property) by title only on first and final reading. Councilmember Klinker moved for passage, Councilmember Nargi seconded. John Collier,

Assistant Director Economic Development spoke regarding the resolution. Resolution 2023-16 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

No Reports of Standing Committees.

No Reports of Special Committees.

No Report by the Mayor.

Miscellaneous or New Business.

Margy Deverall recently retired Community Development Planner shared a video in honor of Bike Month.

No Reports by the Council.

Public Comment:

JP Schafer, 625 Perrin Ave expressed concern about increased light pollution in the downtown area, related to the garage on the new Public Safety Building.

Councilmember Klinker move to adjourn. Councilmember Nargi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Minutes prepared by Cindy Murray, City Clerk

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