

MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 3, 2020
REGULAR MEETING

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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

Present: Klinker, Nargi, Reynolds, Brown, Ahlersmeyer, Weast-Williamson, Downing and Campbell

Absent: Heide

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

Councilman Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 council meeting, Councilman Reynolds 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:

Water Works Department Monthly-December
Renew Department Monthly-December
Fleet Maintenance Monthly-December
Lafayette Police Department Monthly-December

Ordinances for Second Reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2020-01 (An Amendment to Ordinance No. 2010-11 Establishing A Local Greenbush Historic District in the City Of Lafayette, Indiana) by title only on second and final reading. Councilman Brown moved for passage, Councilwoman Ahlersmeyer seconded. John Collier, Economic Development spoke regarding the Ordinance. Ordinance 2020-01 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2020-02 (An Amendment to Ordinance No. 2010-11 Establishing A Local Perrin/Cason Historic District in the City Of Lafayette, Indiana) by title only on first reading. Councilwoman Weast-Williamson moved for passage, Councilman Downing seconded. John Collier, Economic Development spoke regarding the Ordinance. Ordinance 2020-02 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

Ordinances for First Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 2020-03 (An Ordinance Reestablishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund) by title only on first reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Reynolds seconded. Mayor Roswarski spoke regarding the Ordinance. Ordinance 2020-03 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first reading.

Councilman Campbell moved to set a public hearing on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:31 pm, Councilman Klinker seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2020-04 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana to Rezone Certain Real Estate from GB to PDRS-SR38E just West of Intersection with Haggerty Lane, Iron Man, Properties, Petitioner) by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Brown moved for passage, Councilwoman Ahlersmeyer seconded. Joe Blake, petitioner spoke regarding the project. Mayor Roswarski spoke in support of the Ordinance. Ordinance 2020-04 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2020-05 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana to Rezone Certain Real Estate from NB to MR-2111 Teal Road, Valley Oaks Health, Inc., Petitioner) by title only on first and final reading. Councilwoman Weast-Williamson moved for passage, Councilman Downing seconded. Kevin Riley, Attorney for the petitioner spoke regarding the ordinance. Ordinance 2020-05 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2020-06 (An Ordinance Regulating Personal Electric or Powered Vehicles) by title only on first reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Reynolds seconded. Margy Deverall, Economic Development spoke regarding the Ordinance. Ordinance 2020-06 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2020-07 (An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Lafayette to Issue its Taxable Economic Development Subordinate Revenue Bonds (Nova Tower Project) and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Connection Therewith) by title only on first reading. Councilman Klinker moved for passage, Councilman Brown seconded. Mayor Roswarski spoke in support of the ordinance. Scott Frissell, Krieg Devault spoke regarding the bonding process. Greg Balsano, Baker-Tilly spoke regarding the financing process. Ordinance 2020-07 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first reading.

Resolutions:

The Clerk read Resolution 2020-04 (A Resolution of the Lafayette Common Council Approving An Amending Declaratory Resolution and Plan of the Redevelopment Commission and Order of the Tippecanoe Area Plan Commission) by title only on first and final reading. Councilwoman Ahlersmeyer moved for passage, Councilman Brown seconded. Dennis Carson, Economic Development Director spoke regarding the resolution. Resolution 2020-04 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

No Reports of Standing Committees.

No Reports of Special Committees.

Report by the Mayor: Mayor Roswarski gave the following State of The City Address

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS – 2020

Good evening. I am honored to present to you my 2020 State of the City address.

I would like to thank the City Council for their support in the past and moving into the future. Through your efforts, we have been able to move Lafayette forward.

In addition, I would like to thank all of our Citizens, Department Heads and Team Members who collectively work together to make this a great community.

From a financial standpoint, we finished the year with 5.5 million dollars in our Rainy Day Fund. Our accounts are in balance. We continually evaluate our financial position and work to use our tax dollars to the highest and best value for our Citizens.

We continue our unwavering commitment to public safety. Our Police and Fire Departments are among the best in the nation. We continue to invest in our people, training, equipment and community outreach to ensure we provide the best service possible to our Citizens. Our Fire Department has an ISO rating of 2 and has significantly increased training. In 2015, there were 10,346.43 hours of training. In 2019, there were 22,913.65 hours of training, which is a 121% increase in the last four years.

Our Police Department has fully implemented it's initiatives and continues to evaluate its strategy's to keep our community safe. Part 1 crimes are down for the third year in a row. In 2015, there were 3803 Part 1crimes, in 2019, 2749, which is down 1,054 since we announced our initiatives.

Our community continues to grow and we have a strong focus on quality of life from our high quality parks and recreational opportunities, and trail system, to new entertainment and living options, to streetscape, to the multiuse baseball stadium – we continue to work to create a community and economic development environment that promotes quality sustainable growth and creates hope and new opportunity for all. We work closely with our social service organizations, our schools and faith based partners to help ensure to the best of our ability no-one gets left behind.

We are proud of ReNew, Water Works and Stormwater infrastructure. We have been progressive and steadfast in improving and growing our infrastructure for now and in the future.

We pride ourselves on our City services and our commitment to our neighborhoods, downtown and our business and industry partners.

We will continue to work collaboratively with all our government partners to maximize opportunities, help create the economy of the future and open new doors. 2019 was a successful year. We go into 2020 with enthusiasm.

We will discuss and work on a climate change resolution. Significant changes are coming for the Lafayette Theater. Crosser Sports Complex will open soon. Penguins will be in Columbian Park, along with the return of the carousel.

I conclude by calling everyone to action to be a part of this journey, to be answers to problems, to help lift people up, become a mentor, help someone facing addiction or mental health challenges, and enjoy the good things, too. Come downtown...go to a park...see a performance at the Long Center or Lafayette Theater. There is so much to do and see. Get out and explore your community. Participate. Make a difference and Greater Lafayette will be an even better place, because you got involved.

God Bless our community. God Bless America.

No Reports by the Council.

No Miscellaneous or New Business.

No Public Comment.

Councilman Klinker moved to adjourn, Councilman Reynolds seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Minutes prepared by Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Complete audio of meeting available in the City Clerk's office or at www.lafayette.in.gov