

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE  
COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 3, 2020

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met electronically on August 3, 2020, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: James Blanco, Peter Bunder, Nick DeBoer, Shannon Kang, Larry Leverenz, Kathy Parker, David Sanders, Gerald Thomas, and Norris Wang.

Absent: None

Also present: Mayor John Dennis, Corporation Counsel Eric Burns, Clerk Sana Booker, Director of Development Erin Easter, City Controller Peter Gray, and Fire Chief Tim Heath. Other unnamed department heads who did not speak were available on the conference line.

#### NOTES

► This meeting was conducted electronically, without the physical attendance of any person, due to the public health emergency (COVID-19 pandemic) and per IC 5-14-1.5-3.6 and State of Indiana Executive Order 20-09, Paragraph 4.

#### MINUTES

Councilor DeBoer moved for acceptance of the minutes of the July 2, 2020, Pre-Council Meeting, and the July 6, 2020, Common Council Meeting. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

There were no comments.

#### REPORT OF THE APC REPRESENTATIVES

There was no report.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS: None

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Controller Gray reported that we are 58% of the way through the year, and we are at 54% overall of the budget. Individual items are at or under 58%, so we are trending along nicely.

#### LEGAL REPORT

Counsel Burns stated that a question was asked about whether the Mayor's Executive Order [2020-1] regarding face coverings had any sort of termination or time limit. The answer is no. There would be essentially three reasons that it would not stay in its full form that it is right now. The first would be if the pandemic emergency ended, as determined by the Governor.

Councilor DeBoer asked for an explanation for why the authority to enforce an ordinance on our books would expire given the end of the state of emergency. Counsel Burns explained that he

cannot go too in depth since we are in litigation on this matter, but if the Mayor said that there is a nuisance of a pandemic without the factual backup from the Governor, then we would want to do something different. The Mayor could change it after taking medical or scientific evidence by including that information, but right now it relies on the Governor's determination. Councilor DeBoer asked if the state-wide mask mandate is also predicated on the same state of emergency and would also expire at the same time. Counsel Burns responded that it would happen if the pandemic emergency were declared to be no longer in effect; the Executive Order would collapse due to lack of support.

Counsel Burns stated that the second way the Order could change is if the Council takes action, as indicated by wording in the Order. The third way it could change is if the Mayor decided to cancel or amend it himself since he originated the Order.

Councilor DeBoer asked if Council action could supersede the Governor's state of emergency if the Council found that doing so did not meet the needs of the community at large. Counsel Burns noted that he has not researched this, but he believes that the answer is yes. They would do this by saying that there is something going on in this community, with factual scientific or medical evidence, that is a nuisance. He explained that the word "nuisance" is used because of terminology used in both City Code and State law.

Councilor Wang asked about the timing of the next court hearing and if we have filed an answer. Counsel Burns responded that it has not yet been set. The Council received a copy of the Court's order that essentially denied the request made by the Plaintiff for immediate relief without hearing. The judge will want to get this on the docket fairly quickly. We have not filed an answer yet, but we will within the time limit.

#### SPECIAL REPORTS:

##### Joint Board Report

Councilor DeBoer stated that the Joint Board consented to change control from Plenary Roads State Street LLC to Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ). This means that Plenary is selling their company to this public-private partner portfolio. CDPQ will inherit the obligations and responsibilities of the contract for State Street maintenance and upkeep through the term of the agreement. Councilor DeBoer noted that he had some questions about this and has been satisfied with the answers, but he feels it would be best if Counsel Burns articulates what is at stake, or how little is on the line, for us with this transfer.

Counsel Burns stated that the fundamental question is who is ultimately responsible where it has been Plenary. This good news is that Plenary has been sold to a very large multi-national corporation; it is much larger than Plenary. From the standpoint of strength, we have enhanced our position. We have a contract with Rieth-Riley, who does all the work that needs done, and that is not going to change. We requested an opinion from the attorneys of Barnes and Thornburg, who helped structure this for the Joint Board, about the transfer as well as a practical look to ensure this group is what they seemed to be. On both scores, Barnes and Thornburg indicated that this is a good transfer in their view, and it does not diminish our control or likelihood of success in the 18 years that are left in this agreement. He noted that Plenary paid for this opinion, but it was in favor of the Joint Board. He is comfortable that we are in a better position than we were before with this transfer.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 09-20 An Ordinance Restricting Over Growth Of Weeds, Grass, Noxious Plants, And/Or Vermin Harborage In The City Of West Lafayette, County Of Tippecanoe, Indiana (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis) [No. of Readings 2 of 2]

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Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 09-20 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 09-20 on second and final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

Counsel Burns explained that with the removal of references to the outdated Building Officials Code Administrators International (BOCA), a new reference was left out of the City Code for these issues. This Ordinance allows us to continue enforcement.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Blanco	Aye
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Kang	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Parker	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 09-20 passed on second and final reading.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No. 10-20 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (Resons, LLC) (302 N. Chauncey Ave.) (PDRS to R4W) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 10-20 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 10-20 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

Chris Shelmon (Gutwein Law), attorney for the petitioner, stated that Ordinance is getting rid of an old Planned Development (PD) that did not really offer anything. This rezone is intended to be consistent with the new Downtown Plan. The area is designated as a near-downtown district, and R4W, along with the recommendation of the APC staff, is consistent with that. There are no planned changes to the exterior of the structure.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Blanco	Aye
Bunder	Aye

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<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Vote</b>
DeBoer	Aye
Kang	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Parker	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 10-20 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 11-20 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 08-20, To Fix The 2020 Salary Schedule For Appointed Officers, Employees, And Members Of The Police And Fire Departments Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Presented by Controller) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 11-20 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 11-20 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

Controller Gray stated that this is to adjust the Salary Ordinance for the current year of 2020. On Page 3, the Fire Department is changing the title of Assistant Chief to Battalion Chief. Also on Page 3, the Development Department is changing the title of Communication Specialist to Community Development & Communication Manager with a salary increase. Controller Gray confirmed for Councilor Blanco that this is only for setting salaries and not related to equipment or other items.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Blanco	Aye
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Kang	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Parker	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 11-20 passed on first and only reading.

Ordinance No. 12-20 (Amended) An Ordinance Setting The 2021 City Budget And Setting The 2021 Tax Levy On Property And Tax Rate (Prepared by Controller) [No. of Readings 1 of 2]

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 12-20 (Amended) by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 12-20 (Amended) on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

Controller Gray stated that the budget for 2021 is extremely similar to our current year. He noted that there is a 0% cost of living increase for the staff, although there will be some step-increase changes and mandatory advancements of promotions that are included in the budget. We also increased the budget by 10% for insurance for benefits, general liability, and worker's compensation. The three-year trend document shows that the small increases basically deal with the insurance. A number of the departments cut their budget to help off-set that a bit. Controller Gray noted that the Engineering and Building budgets both increased a bit, and each of those departments gained half of an administrative assistant position. This is due to a need from the Building Department splitting from Engineering a couple of years ago. There is an increase in the Fire Department to ensure we have a budget to fill two vacancies to get a full complement of 50. The Cumulative Capital Development Fund and the Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Funds had a decrease because 2021 does not have the extra pay period that had to be covered in 2020. The Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Fund has an increase to help cover the design work for the Soldier's Home Road Project, which is estimated at \$1.2 million. This is a joint 80/20 project with INDOT, but INDOT will reimburse the City for their portion of the design work over time during the project.

Mayor John Dennis stated that Controller Gray deserves a great deal of credit. We are looking at some austere times from here on out. We do not know what the actual financial impact of the COVID is going to be, but we do know there will be in impact. Therefore, we have been holding the line tightly in this budget, and probably for a couple of budgets after this. The possibility does exist that revenues could turn around and we will be able to get more expansive, but as it stands now, we are looking at ways to minimize costs and to cut where possible. He stated that Controller Gray has done nothing short of an amazing job in meeting those requests put upon him. Due to the lack of predictability, we do not know how things will go insofar as our tax base goes. There are a lot of different things going on regarding rental properties and businesses. This is not unique to West Lafayette; this is happening everywhere. As Purdue goes, so does West Lafayette, and that is why we are doing everything we can to ensure that the return of students to Purdue goes well. We all know that there will be challenges, including some we have not thought of yet, but we will do what we can. He stated that he thinks the Council needs to be aware that things are going to change in these unique times, but we are going to try to maintain the high degree of service and safety to ensure that our citizens are well looked after and well served. He noted that in talking with people in the area, state, and country, that we are lucky. We are not taking nearly the size of a hit that other communities are taking. He expressed appreciation to Controller Gray.

Councilor Sanders asked if Controller Gray could explain for the various departments what the Services and Charges categories covers. Controller Gray responded that, in general, Personal Services covers salaries, benefits, clothing allowance, supplies, and other consumables that are purchased throughout the year.

Councilor Sanders clarified that he is wondering for specific departments, such as what those items are in the Mayor's Department. He is asking for the sake of newer Councilors and the public; it is good to know since is our major budget responsibility. Controller Gray responded that services would include the copier, office supplies, donations to different organizations,

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memberships, and travel. Some of the departments have debt, generally small, for things such as leases on copiers or other equipment. Other services would be repair and maintenance on vehicles and equipment.

Councilor Sanders asked about the amounts in the Facilities and Police Departments. Controller Gray explained that the Facilities Department pays the utilities, including electricity and water. The Police Department has a lot of vehicle maintenance for the squad cars, including gasoline for patrol. There are also body camera expenses.

Councilor Sanders stated that he thinks it is important, at this time when people are thinking about Police budgets, that people understand what the expenditures are. They can appreciate that many of these things are necessary for the safety of both the officers and the community. That is why he is asking these questions. He wants people to understand that these are not just dollar figures; they are involved in making our community a better place. He asked for information in the CCD Fund. Controller Gray explained that expenses there are related to Information Technology, such as licensing, software, and computer equipment.

Councilor Sanders asked about the expenditures related to the Public Safety Local Income Tax (LIT). Controller Gray stated that it would include equipment and personnel. The Fire Department also has training from these funds.

Fire Chief Heath explained that some of the training includes the Fire staff performing building inspections. We have 800 commercial buildings in the City that must be inspected every year, and we currently only have two people doing those inspections. We are using on-duty and overtime staff to ensure we meet our requirements. Other training includes live fire training with the Lafayette Fire Department at their training facility. There is an additional expense in making sure all the shifts are still covered in West Lafayette while we have people in training in Lafayette. Live fire training is vital for us as we can control the environment to make sure the firefighters are safe while they are learning how to extinguish fires in different situations. This is especially true with the addition of high-rise buildings and to make sure we are well trained on the new equipment purchased by the Redevelopment Commission (RDC).

Councilor Sanders stated that he wants to be sure that we are clear that some of the Public Safety LIT is being used to support that training. He asked for more information on how much is being used for that. Chief Heath noted that it will be a bit of a fluid number for the Department due to certain factors such as covering shifts while people are on vacation. Controller Gray stated that he will send the Council more detail tomorrow.

Councilor Blanco asked for information about expenses directly related to the Police Department's Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle. Controller Gray stated that he believes there is only the insurance on the vehicle, so very minimal.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Blanco	Aye
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Kang	Aye
Leverenz	Aye

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<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Parker	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 12-20 (Amended) passed on first reading.

Resolution No. 14-20 A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 12-19 (A Resolution To Reduce Carbon Emissions, Increase Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Use, And To Create A Climate Change-Resilient City Of West Lafayette, Indiana To Benefit The Economy, Promote Public Health, And Protect The Community's Children And Grandchildren) (Sponsored by Councilor Bunder) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

Resolution No. 14-20 was tabled at the July 30, 2020, Pre-Council meeting to a time certain of the September 8, 2020, Council meeting.

Resolution No. 15-20 A Resolution Amending The West Lafayette Community Development Block Grant 2019 One-Year Annual Action Plan (Part 2) (CARES Act) (Submitted by Department of Development) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

Councilor DeBoer asked that another Council member read this item. Councilor Kang read Resolution No. 15-20 by title only.

Councilor Kang moved for passage of Resolution No. 15-20 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

Director of Development Easter stated that this is the second part what is expected to be three parts of funding for the CDBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. This allocates an additional \$30,000.00 to organizations that are in the public service categories, including Modern Mental Health, Lafayette Urban Ministry, and Valley Oaks. There is a remaining balance of \$77,472.00 to continue to disperse per the Mayor's Advisory Board's guidance.

Councilor DeBoer explained that the reason is that he did not want to read this was because of difficulty in being able to sign the CDBG Certification page on the Resolution. Since Councilor Kang is also unable to sign those in the near future, he asked procedurally if we should retract this and allow someone else to motion this. Counsel Burns recommended that Councilor Kang withdraw her motion and someone else make one.

Councilor Kang withdrew her motion for passage of Resolution No. 15-20.

Councilor Thomas moved for passage of Resolution No. 15-20 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Leverenz.

Director Easter explained for President Bunder that the third part of this funding will likely be after the September meeting. We will work with the Mayor's Advisory Board, and will gladly take the input of the Council as well, to continue to make the unallocated funds available to non-profit agencies who are dealing with increased volume due to the coronavirus.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<b>Councilperson</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Blanco	Aye
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Kang	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Parker	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 15-20 passed on first and only reading.

**REPORT BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor John Dennis expressed appreciation for the support toward the mask order. It was not unanimously enjoyed by all of the population. There were a lot of people from around the area, not necessarily within West Lafayette, who felt that a piece of cloth represented their rights as an American and thought that he was stepping on those rights. He stated that the order was the right thing to do, and he has no regrets. He reported that the current City Hall building now has a COVID testing station. He thanked his Administrative Assistant, Carol Houston, and Facilities Director Tim Clark, and others on staff who have done an amazing job working with the testing staff to make sure that the testing area is sealed from the City Hall traffic area. He thanked Street Commissioner Ben Anderson for making signage for the parking area. He thanked people from the Health Department, including Jeff Houston and Dr. Jeremy Adler, for the strict protocols in establishing a testing station and providing us with guidance to ensure compliance. Mayor Dennis reminded the Councilors that Controller Gray and other personnel are available to answer questions without the need to wait for a Council session. Mayor Dennis stated that the letters he has been getting regarding his stand with the masks and the issues involving our Police Department, especially the extremely negative ones, have been distressing, to say the least. The COVID and mask issue has gone where it is going to go; it is going to stand until basically the problem goes away. He stated that the issue with the Police Department offends him on several levels. The Councilors are acutely aware of our Police Department, and some of the Councilors have been around our officers for as long as he has been in an elected capacity, so they know how dedicated the officers are, how hard they train, and that their number one priority is serving the community in a professional and compassionate way. Some of the letters he is getting about our Police Department are obviously crafted by people who are not familiar with our community and are probably designed to be sent to another agency. Nonetheless, it is offensive. He is going to speak personally because he knows our Police Department would not bring this up. Morale in the Police Department is probably at its all-time low. It does not have anything to do with what is going on with our operational assignment here. They know that they are well respected, for the most part, by the people they serve. However, there are those who are choosing to put our Department on a national level and comparing them to some of the departments that are truly nightmarish in their practices and operations, how they choose to enforce, and the selectivity in how they enforce. He stated that it offends him as someone who spent 23 years in law enforcement and retired as Deputy Chief of the Lafayette Police Department. It offends him as



an elected official. It offends him as a human being. However, that does not happen here. He stated that those who are familiar with Chief Troy Harris and his team know what an incredibly amazing human being he is and how dedicated he is to all of the right things for the City of West Lafayette and his Police Department. He thanked the Council for their support of the Police Department and asked that they maintain their focus on what we do here. He asked that they not let national horror stories about law enforcement affect their belief system, respect, or support of our Police Department.

### COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor DeBoer stated that he was happy at the onset of this pandemic that Purdue is planning to open in the fall. It seemed obvious in those early days that by the end of August that the virus would be tamed, testing would be ubiquitous, and that opening public spaces would be self-evident. That clearly has not happened. A manifest failure of leadership has left testing, tracing, and containment just absent in communities across the country, ours included. The testing regime being implemented is admirable, but it seems wholly insufficient to halting the arrival of the virus in the community. He is concerned that without frequent, wide-spread, and reliable testing that this community is setting itself up for a brutal fall. Berkeley, for example, will test all students upon arrival, not beforehand, and make them self-isolate for 11 days, whereupon they will need to pass a second test and then be tested every other week for the remainder of the year. That seems reasonable. He sees no such clear plan here to contain the virus, especially given the rampant volume of asymptomatic transmissions happening amongst this cohort and age group and with the planned playing of close-contact sports. Each day that this national nightmare continues is sad. As despair sets in, he understands that we want to get back to normal and be connected again. However, without a testing regime, with indoor bars and restaurants, with the parties that are likely to occur, it seems inconceivable that anything other than widespread community transmission is likely. We simply do not have the testing in place right now. He is bewildered at how this is going to be done safely. What September holds for this community keeps him up at night. Without this regime, without these tests, he questions how we are supposed to know what is safe, or who is safe with asymptomatic students leading the charge. He asked how this will not result in a per capita infection rate that rivals Arizona and Florida. He stated that we need to be, and ought to be, able to trace these individuals and respond to the areas and activities that are causing problems, and to do our part in shutting those down. If we do not do that, this is going to be a nightmare. This is indoor groups of people spending time together with recirculating air. He is not sure what that is going to look like, and he is becoming more deeply afraid every day for the fall. He hopes that Dr. Sanders can help us illuminate any solution to this or say whether his despair is correct.

Councilor Sanders stated that the whole purpose of all of our efforts is to prevent one-to-many transmission. All the efforts are to prevent congregating people where you can have one infected individual transferring it to many others. Any sort of inside environment – such as a campus, a bar or restaurant, a religious institution, an office building with an open office plan – are places where one-to-many transfer can occur and should probably not be opened at this time. He noted that wearing masks in those environments can contribute to a reduction in transmission. He explained that along with a reduction in transmission, there is also a reduction of the infectious dose. If people wear masks, even if the masks are not protecting you 100%, they reduce the dose to which you are potentially exposed. There is a relationship between the dose of exposure and both whether you get ill and the severity of the illness. Councilor Sanders noted that he does not like the lockdown or the closure of public places, and he does not like wearing a mask. Nevertheless, we need to wear the masks to protect others and yourself by reducing transmission and the severity of transmission to other people. We should be concerned. He has written and spoken about Purdue's reopening. There is widespread concern among the faculty and staff

about the safety of reopening. He is concerned not only about the safety of the faculty and staff, but also of the people of West Lafayette. The campus and the community are connected. There are several things we could potentially do to reduce the risk. If we have mechanisms for reducing public gatherings inside, especially in conditions where people will not be wearing masks, then we should explore doing that.

► Councilor Parker stated that, regarding the Mayor's comments about the Police, the Councilors received another batch of calls this week, and she wants to let people know what she has said about the positive direction that our great Police Department is going in anyway. Especially of note is the research into hiring social workers, which is overwhelmingly what the people have requested. They have all been about hiring social workers to take care of those issues that they are trained to do. It is not going to happen overnight, but Chief Harris is working on that. She expressed appreciation to Chief Harris. She noted that the Department is also working with the FBI to coordinate a use-of-force database. They have added an "Ask WLPD" portion to their website to address questions. They have hosted community meetings to talk about what the public wants to see in the Police Department. She stated that Chief Harris is an easy guy to talk to, and anyone with questions, ideas, or thoughts about ways to improve police relations or the Department in general should set up a meeting with him.

Councilor Sanders stated that if we are going to be serious about these issues, it is not merely a matter of police departments around this country; we have to think about the entire picture. That entire picture includes the fact that we are sending people to jail for drug offenses, and those people are predominately members of minority groups. That has to stop. If we are really going to have reform in this county, then we have to be thinking about all of those issues. We must be thinking about a serious system of legal defense for people who cannot afford it. This has been completely undercut in this country in the last three to four decades. We cannot make tremendous advances with criminal justice reform by just focusing on law enforcement; we have to think about the criminal justice system as a whole. We are asking the police to do far too much. He agrees with the idea of trying to have mental health and social work professionals involved. We should not be burdening the police with those sorts of issues. He understands that there is a focus on this particular issue right now, and he does not disagree with it. He thinks that the issue by law enforcement of treatment to members of minorities around the country is a very serious issue that has to be confronted directly. The overall problems will not be solved unless we think about an overall solution to the problems.

Councilor Wang stated that the police enforce the State laws, passed by the Legislature, and the officers are somewhat handicapped by that. They have to make judgement calls, and he thinks they do a great job. He has had court cases that deal with mental health crises, and a mental health worker would be one of the best ways to head it off. However, a lot of times it is a crisis situation, and the police have to react to a crisis. It is not simply picking up a phone and calling a professional; those workers would need to ride along and be available 24/7. He stated it is up to the Legislature to make the reforms.

► Councilor Kang asked if there is a website or platform that lists the places where citizens and students can get COVID testing. Councilor DeBoer stated that Dave Bangert [*Journal & Courier*] has been publishing a list at the end of his daily articles, and he is sure there is a public resource. The sites have been moving around a bit. Mayor Dennis stated that the Health Department would have that information, and he will speak to Dr. Adler about getting that list.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor DeBoer moved for adjournment, and President Bunder adjourned the meeting the time being 7:38 p.m.