

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE  
COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met electronically on September 8, 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, First Deputy Clerk Nichole Foster, Director of Development Erin Easter, City Controller Peter Gray, and Building Commissioner Chad Spitznagle. 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.

**LATE FILING TO AGENDA:**

**Ordinance No. 17-20** Ordinance Requiring The Wearing Of Face Coverings As Necessary To Reduce The Spread Of COVID-19 (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Corporation Counsel Burns explained that Ordinance No. 17-20 was filed on the same day that the Tippecanoe Circuit Court issued its order regarding Mayor Dennis' Executive Order 2020-1. Being a few days late in filing for the Council agenda, it is necessary to suspend the rules to allow it to be on the agenda. He reviewed the procedure, which is to have a motion, a second, and a unanimous vote to suspend the rules to allow a late filing. The vote on the Ordinance will then need to have a two-thirds majority.

Councilor DeBoer moved to suspend the rules in order to place Ordinance No. 17-20 be added to the agenda as a late filing, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wang.

First Deputy Clerk Foster called the roll call vote:

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

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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 17-20 is now added to the agenda.

### MINUTES

Councilor DeBoer moved for acceptance of the minutes of the July 30, 2020, Pre-Council Meeting, and the August 3, 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

Councilor Leverenz stated that the next big item with APC is a form-based overlay for the Discovery Park District. It came out of Ordinance Committee last week and will go to the October APC meeting. We will probably see it in Council in November.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS:

#### Informational Item: Mayoral Appointment to the Traffic Commission - Adam Keyster

President Bunder noted that the Council does not need to take action on this item, but he thanks Dr. Keyster for his service. He and Mayor Dennis spoke about how Dr. Keyster is a Purdue civil engineering professor who serves on the Technical Transportation Committee of the APC, so he will be a good fit for the Traffic Commission.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Controller Gray reported that we are two-thirds, or 66%, of the way through the year. All told, we are around 60% on expenses and encumbrances for the year. Just the expenses are just over 50% of the budget, so the departments are keeping a tight lid on the expenses, which is greatly appreciated in these unknown times.

Councilor Sanders commended all the department heads and the City for anticipating and keeping us financially sound.

### LEGAL REPORT

This report is on file.

### SPECIAL REPORTS:

#### Joint Board Report

Councilor DeBoer stated that the next Joint Board meeting is on October 20, 2020, and more information will be available near the meeting date on location or electronic connection.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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) **PUBLIC HEARING ONLY**

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

Councilor DeBoer moved to open a public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-20 (Amended). The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Director Easter explained the procedure for comments via this electronic format. Clarification was given for an attendee that this comment period is only for Ordinance No. 12-20 (Amended).

There were no comments regarding Ordinance No. 12-20 (Amended).

Councilor DeBoer moved to close a public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-20 (Amended). The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

President Bunder noted that the second and final reading of this Ordinance will be at the October meeting.

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] [*Continued from the July 30, 2020, Pre-Council meeting.*]

Councilor DeBoer read Resolution No. 14-20 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Resolution No. 14-20 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

Councilor DeBoer motioned to amend Resolution No. 14-20 by substitution with the proposed version attached to the agenda. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

An additional amendment proposed by Councilor Sanders is also attached to the agenda. Councilor Sanders explained that this proposal is to make it clear that the 20% reduction in emissions is from the baseline referenced later in the paragraph, because otherwise the 20% is indefinite. The proposed wording is as follows: *The City of West Lafayette intends to reduce emissions by twenty percent (20%) from the baseline by 2022 with a goal of further reductions of twenty percent (20%) from the baseline every four (4) years thereafter resulting in carbon neutrality by the year 2038.*

Councilor DeBoer motioned to amend Resolution No. 14-20 with the aforementioned language. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Bunder announced that Resolution No. 14-20 has been amended. He noted that this is amending a resolution we did last year [Resolution No. 12-19] to add specificity to it. We are also encouraging the City to give WWTU Director Henderson some support in working on issues of resilience and environmental sustainability.

Counsel Burns noted that there were a great number of emails sent regarding this Resolution. President Bunder stated that, to his knowledge, there were none that were opposed to this.

Councilor Thomas asked for confirmation that there will be an overseer in charge of making sure that we meet our benchmarks and to manage the program. President Bunder responded that that is the hope, but we are not yet naming a person, setting a salary, or saying when the person

will need to be hired. It is the intention of the Resolution to find someone to oversee the numerous issues that are a part of climate change.

Councilor Kang stated that the Go Greener Commission (GGC) is excited for the implementation of this Resolution, and she expressed her gratitude.

Councilor Sanders expressed his strong support for this because we are establishing metrics for achievement of a definite goal while providing benchmarks for how we will go about it. That is an advantageous approach to the issue.

Mayor Dennis expressed appreciation to all the different groups and committees that participated in this. Starting something like this from scratch is a challenge. The GGC has kept the issue on the front burner and ensured that we are moving forward with it as best as we can. There were a lot of people working behind the scenes to get this to where it is today. He stated that he could not be prouder of our City. It is not only a good thing to do; it is the right thing to do.

President Bunder thanked WWTU Director Henderson, who has been the staff person responsible for going to GGC meetings and dealing with environmental issues in the City for many years. He has done a great job worthy of praise.

Councilor Sanders thanked all the people who wrote in support of the Resolution, which included community members, Purdue students, and high school students. He stated that he wants to encourage that sort of engagement with city government.

There was no further discussion.

First Deputy Clerk Foster 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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 14-20 (Amended) passed on first and only reading.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance No. 13-20** An Ordinance To Set The 2021 Salary Schedule For The Elected Officials Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Submitted by Controller) [No. of Readings 1 of 2]

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 13-20 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 13-20 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

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Controller Gray stated that he would like to address Ordinance Nos. 13-20, 14-20, and 15-20 at the same time. These are the three salary ordinances that are set up for the 2021 budget. The basic premise on the salary schedule is that there has not been a percentage cost-of-living increase for the City staff due to the revenue situation. There will be a few increases due to promotions or step-increases that are already established. That said, there are some recent events that may require a slight amendment for the next meeting concerning a couple of positions. Those changes are not material, so he would like to request passage of the first reading as currently given.

There was no further discussion.

First Deputy Clerk Foster 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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 13-20 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 14-20 An Ordinance To Set The 2021 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 2]

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 14-20 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 14-20 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

There was no discussion other than that under Ordinance No. 13-20.

First Deputy Clerk Foster 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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 14-20 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 15-20 An Ordinance To Set The 2021 Salary Schedule For The Wastewater Treatment Utility As Submitted By The Board Of Public Works And Safety For Approval By The Common Council Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Presented by the Board of Works) [No. of Readings 1 of 2]

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 15-20 by title only.

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

There was no discussion other than that under Ordinance No. 13-20.

First Deputy Clerk Foster called the roll call vote:

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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 15-20 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 16-20 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (UZO Amendment #97) (Business Park and Gateway Directory Signs) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 16-20 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 16-20 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

Building Commissioner Spitznagle stated that the developers of Sagamore Commons Development, between the Cook building and Applebee's, proposed having an integrated center sign, which would be a larger sign at the beginning of the development and then have spaces for each business there. However, there are certain items in the integrated center portion of the UZO that could not be met. Therefore, APC and our staff proposed a couple of renditions to the APC and APC Ordinance Committee to establish a Business Park sign. The development did not want to have poll signs for each of their frontage lots along Sagamore Parkway. This Ordinance is the workaround for that. It establishes definitions for the business park and a gateway directory sign for that business park. It also modifies the maximum sign portion of the UZO. Another section

limits the number of free-standing signs to one per street frontage with a maximum of two signs, separated by 500 feet. For instance, the new Culver's has three street frontages, so it will be allowed to have two monument signs if they are separated by at least 500 feet. Finally, this updates two charts in the UZO regarding certain sizes for the gateway directory sign that would be at the front of the business park. In this case, Sagamore Commons will have roughly 250 square feet of sign area with a maximum of 30 feet.

President Bunder asked, regarding a statement in the APC staff report, why no one is happy about this. Commissioner Spitznagle stated that it was difficult finding a balance in giving each business an allotted poll sign that may remain there outdated in 20 years. This will help simplify the signage in the area, giving one focal point at the entrance to the business park to advertise everything in it rather than create a potential eyesore.

President Bunder stated that he has a couple of questions that related to Sagamore Commons, but not directly to this ordinance. He asked when the stoplight will be installed in that area. Commissioner Spitznagle stated that INDOT has a standard after a specific number of businesses are open and occupied in the development with a proven street count that would trigger the installation of a traffic signal. He confirmed for President Bunder that there will not be a traffic light when Culver's opens. President Bunder stated that that is unfortunate.

President Bunder asked when the back road that we fought about when it was before Council will come in. Commissioner Spitznagle responded that the original plat does not have the connection there because they do not yet have a contract with any businesses to occupy those spaces. As soon as Mann Properties has a business to come in, it will trigger a final plat amendment that would connect into Cumberland Avenue.

Councilor DeBoer noted that he has a general aversion to sign ordinances and that will explain his vote this evening.

Councilor Leverenz stated that the APC has struggled with this item for several months, and Commissioner Spitznagle did a good job with explaining it. He thinks that the changes will help us in the long run. We are not going to have the forest of signs out there that we could have had.

There was no further discussion.

First Deputy Clerk Foster called the roll call vote:

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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 1 NAY.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 16-20 passed on first reading.



Ordinance No. 17-20 Ordinance Requiring The Wearing Of Face Coverings As Necessary To Reduce The Spread Of COVID-19 (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis) [No. of Readings 1 of 2]

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 17-20 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

Mayor Dennis stated that the intent [of issuing an executive order] was sincere, and he is delighted that in comparing the two initiatives that he has received ten-fold fewer negative emails about codifying the mandate this way. The mask mandate is valid; the logic behind it is sound. There are reasons that some have found that appeals to them personally, but it does not apply to what we are hopefully making an affirmative decision on tonight. We have seen our numbers and are familiar with what those numbers are doing. We know specifically how to try to stop them, or to at least lessen them. The first thing said is wearing a mask. That does not go away. He stated that he appreciates the support that he has had from the public and from the Council with this. Everything we are doing now is until COVID is at least manageable. The word "temporary" may be a bit of an understatement because this is just trying to get everyone to understand the necessity of taking appropriate measures, being smart, getting their masks on, keeping their social distancing, washing their hands, and being socially aware.

Counsel Burns stated that because this has been added to the agenda as a late filing, it will need to pass by two-thirds majority on its first reading. He reminded the Council that an executive order was issued by Mayor Dennis about wearing face coverings in July. A lawsuit was filed that was heard by the Court. On September 1, 2020, an order was issued. That order essentially said that the Executive Order was void due to the fines, which are \$100 for the first offence and \$250 for subsequent offences. The court upheld the vast majority of the Order, but it did specifically say that the power to levy these fines must be exercised by the Council, being the legislative body. Thus, it is before the Council now. He explained that the format has been done to make it clear that what is happening here is that the original Executive Order is merely being changed by the Council to codify the fines. The action tonight is to vote for passage on first reading and then consider whether the Council would like to take it up on second reading.

Councilor Wang stated that the ordinance does not specify a time for the endurance of the mask mandate. He asked how long the statute is good for and who will declare a non-emergency.

Councilor DeBoer stated that he communicated with Counsel Burns about this issue. He indicated that it will be the Council's responsibility. Therefore, he intends to introduce an amendment to specify a period of every six months whereupon it will be on the agenda to review. At any point in time that the Council wants to review it, it will be incumbent upon a Councilor to place it on the agenda that month and declare that this is over.

Counsel Wang stated that this review process is preferable to a sundown clause that may come at a time when the mandate is still needed. There is no point in being arbitrary, as we have all been surprised the last several months about time periods and how long things may take. He emphasized that it can be brought for review at any time any Council member wants to do so, but it will be reviewed at least every six months. At that time, the Council can take whatever action it deems appropriate.

Councilor DeBoer moved to amend Ordinance No. 17-20 to read at the end that, "*This Ordinance, upon passage, shall be placed on the City Council's regular meeting agenda every sixth calendar month thereafter for consideration by the Council.*" Councilor Wang seconded the motion.



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Counsel Burns clarified that the appropriate place would be to add that wording as a paragraph numbered 3, and Councilor DeBoer motioned the amendment again with that detail. Councilor Wang confirmed that he still seconds the motion.

Councilor Leverenz asked if there should be wording that says that the Council can bring the item up at any time. Counsel Burns responded that this is unnecessary as it is always possible for either two Council members, the Mayor, or the Council President to bring an item to the agenda.

Councilor Sanders stated that he is in favor of this amendment. It is important when we are engaged in emergency ordinances that we have a built-in mechanism for revisiting them.

Councilor Wang asked if it is correct that a police officer would issue a ticket to enforce the Ordinance. Counsel Burns responded that his understanding is that a ticket would generally be issued by the Neighborhood Resource Team (NRT), although any police officer would also have that authority. Counsel Burns confirmed that if anyone wanted to contest the ticket, it would go to City Court. He also confirmed that the NRT member or officer would have the option of issuing a warning instead of a ticket

Councilor Wang stated that he is in favor of that discretion to issue a warning or friendly reminder. He noted that he got a lot of emails from people objecting to wearing a mask, but he thinks that the nature of this coronavirus is too insidious and dangerous, so we need to protect the community. The positive test rates are going up, including over 100 people from Purdue last week. It is frightening.

There was no further discussion on the amendment.

First Deputy Clerk Foster 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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 17-20 is amended.

Counsel Burns noted for the record that there were a lot of emails sent to the Council on both sides of this issue. Those emails are part of the public record.

Councilor DeBoer stated that he brought up his fears at the last meeting that an outbreak on campus seemed likely, and it has been by the grace of God that that has not come to pass. Purdue is standing out as one of the few campuses experiencing a manageable case load right now. He attributes that to the diligence and seriousness that the student residents have taken this. Every day they wake up and put on their masks that are mandated by their public university, with more stringent requirements than even this would impose, because they know that it is the

right thing to do. Make no mistake, this is a tightrope that we are walking. As we have seen countless times in countless places, if we were to let our guard down, if public messaging becomes incoherent, or if we refuse to be good neighbors to protect our most vulnerable, then this could quickly collapse. He is convinced that this measure will help protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents. More than that, there is a profound moral case for this mask mandate. That is that we should do unto others as you would have them do unto you, and we shall love our neighbor as thyself, and that common decency should prevail. We are left with few options, especially as the federal government has abdicated responsibility, and that is why he thinks this vote is so important. It demonstrates that a government can provide clear and consistent public health guidance so that we can say with one voice that we are committed to the safety and welfare of the community, and that better angels of our nature will see this virus through.

Councilor Blanco stated that this mandate is our best alternative to help avoid any more lockdowns or necessitating possibly throwing more people out of work amidst this crisis while so many people are struggling to pay rent. It is important not merely for the public health crisis, but we also want to do our best to protect jobs and not have to lockdown again.

Councilor Parker stated that we have come to realize that the people who work in the grocery stores and drug stores are essential workers. We owe it to them to wear a mask so that if we are carriers, we are not infecting the people who have taken care of this community for the last six months.

Councilor Leverenz stated that this is not a political issue and it is not a constitutional rights issue; it is a public health issue. What we are doing, to reiterate what Councilor DeBoer said, is not to put a burden on our citizens, but just to lend some guidance on how our citizens can be good, responsible citizens and good neighbors. We are not imposing anything that is unreasonable. The public health officials all say that wearing a mask helps. All we are asking is to wear a mask, keep your distance, and wash your hands. It is not that tough.

Councilor Sanders stated that we received a large amount of mail about this Ordinance, both in favor and opposed. He read every single email, including the attachments that were sent. He noted that he has a certain expertise where he can read those critically and evaluate them. He wants to first express appreciation to people who sent actual data and articles to evaluate. He is glad that this has generated this level of interest and that we have had this amount of participation. Having said that, he thinks that there are a few things that people need to understand about masks. One is that most of us wear them to protect others rather than to protect ourselves because we do not know whether we are currently infected. It does reduce the spread from us to others. The second thing is that when people have talked about the physics and biology, something that they often miss is the fact that dosage of viral exposure is a critical element in the amount of disease that you get. We know this from many viruses. It is not just whether you are exposed to the virus, but the dose to which you are exposed correlates to the severity of the disease. Wearing a mask will result in a reduction in dose exposure, even if it is not an absolute barrier. Another point is that it is true that this Ordinance does not actually deal with the issue that not everyone wears the masks correctly. He encourages everyone to educate themselves on the correct use of masks, since that it is an important element, but it is difficult for us to legislate about correct use of the masks. Just having people wear masks is an important step. The final point is that some of the messages and literature that were sent suggests that by asking people to wear masks, it potentially gives them a sense of invulnerability where they would thereby engage in activities that they would not otherwise engage in. There is not much evidence that this actually occurs. However, he wants to give the message that just because someone is wearing a mask, it does not mean that participating in large indoor gatherings is safe. If anyone

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has the idea that passing this Ordinance creates a situation that those situations are safe, we are not. It is not safe. Councilor Sanders thanked everyone for their participation but noted that he will be in support of this Ordinance.

Councilor Kang stated that it is encouraging to see that it is not just Purdue that is taking mask mandate seriously. We have a Purdue plan, but it is also encouraging to see the communities around Purdue taking it seriously. She knows that the Big Ten schools, specifically the University of Maryland, are following the Governors' orders and penalizing any misconduct with large fines and potentially a year in prison. We see the severity of this. It would be tiring to convince our public leaders that our lives should be protected. She loves to see all of us vocalizing that we care about our community and constituents' lives.

President Bunder expressed appreciation and support to Mayor Dennis and Counsel Burns for the hours of work they have put into this.

There was no further discussion.

First Deputy Clerk Foster called the roll call vote:

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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 17-20(Amended) passed on first reading.

Councilor DeBoer moved to suspend the rules to allow a second and final reading of Ordinance No. 17-20 (Amended) at this meeting, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

There was no discussion on the motion.

First Deputy Clerk Foster called the roll call vote:

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

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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 17-20 (Amended) is approved for a second reading.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 17-20 (Amended) on second and final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Thomas.

There was no discussion.

First Deputy Clerk Foster 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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 17-20 (Amended) passed on second and final reading.

President Bunder thanked each of the Council members for their attention to this matter and staying with us as we moved through the legalities of the actions tonight.

Mayor Dennis stated that he seconds that appreciation. This has been quite challenging, but it is truly the right thing to do.

Resolution No. 16-20 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Public Safety LIT – Fire) (Prepared by Controller) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

Councilor DeBoer read Resolution No. 16-20 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Resolution No. 16-20 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 transfer of funds is strictly within the Public Safety Local Income Tax Fund for the Fire Department. They wish to move \$55,000.00 from Services to Personal and Capital categories.

There was no further discussion.

First Deputy Clerk Foster 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

First Deputy Clerk Foster stated that the vote was 9 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 16-20 passed on first and only reading.

#### REPORT BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Dennis stated that he wants to re-emphasize how grateful he is for the passage of the mask order. We have all been living through this together and it has been a great effort by all.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor Thomas stated that he and Councilor Parker attend the Park Board meetings each month. He wants to give a shout-out to Parks Superintendent Kathy Lozano and the Parks staff for doing such a fabulous job of managing the Wellness Center and City Hall. Those two projects are on budget and on time. Those are two major projects and that Department has done a fantastic job of managing them.

Councilor Wang asked when we expect those buildings to open to the public. Mayor Dennis responded that the target is at the end of this year.

► Councilor Sanders stated that he has voiced this before, but it is worth saying again, that he thinks we should have serious consideration for finding a mechanism for people of West Lafayette to speak at our meetings. He appreciates the people that used the email participation but moving forward we should have an option for the public to participate directly, even if limited to one minute of speaking time. It would enhance the engagement with the citizenry of West Lafayette with their government.

► Councilor Wang on Counsel Burns discussed that we anticipate that the next Council meeting will be held electronically unless the allowance to do so is lifted.

► Councilor Kang provided updates from the Go Greener Commission. She spoke about a survey that was conducted for the Climate Action Plan, along with a community input session. They are holding an art contest with middle and high schoolers in the hopes of showcasing climate-themed art in a 2021 calendar. The next steps are to work with Lafayette and the County to identify emission reduction strategies for the joint plan versus West Lafayette's individual plan.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

► Emails that were received to the Clerk email address prior to the meeting are made a part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor DeBoer moved for adjournment, and President Bunder adjourned the meeting the time being 7:43 p.m.



**From:** [Rose](#)  
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**External**

Dear Council members,

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This council serves to protect the public's inalienable rights, you do not serve to restrict those rights.

Be warned, by continuing with unlawful acts in your public office, you will be served and tried for your crimes which are punishable by the full extent of the law.

Sincerely,  
Concerned West Lafayette resident

Sent from ProtonMail Mobile

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September 8,2020

# CITY OF WESY LAFAYETTE

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01

### ORDINANCE NO. 17-20

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2. WHEREAS, THIS ORDINANCE HAS NOT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION UPDATED SCIENCE CONCERNING SARS 2- COVI 19
3. WHERAS, THE FOLLOWING UPDATED STUDIES AND RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE CDCP, WHO, THE AMA, THE NAID, THE HHS, AS WELL AS PUBLICATIONS IN THE VIROLLOGY JOURNAL THE JAMA,AND OTHER NOTED SCIENTIFIC SOURCES STATING THAT STATITICS FOR DEATHS, SPREAD AND FLATTENING THE CURVE AS WELL AS ANTIVIRUAL THERAPUTICS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THIS DISEASE
4. WHERE AS ANY PERSON WISHING TO WEAR A MASK AT ANY TIME IS NOT DEIED THAT RIGHT ,THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT NECESSARY

5. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE READ INTO THIS LEGISLATION TO UPDATE AND CONSIDER PASSAGE OF THE MASK MANDATE AND FINE SCHEDULE ATTACHED TO NON-COMPLIANCE FOR TRANSPARENCY FOR ALL THE CITIZENS OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

9-6-2020

THE [DIRECTOR OF THE CDC](#) SAID: "BUT THERE HAS BEEN ANOTHER COST THAT WE'VE SEEN, PARTICULARLY IN HIGH SCHOOLS. " MR. REDFIELD CONTINUED: "WE'RE SEEING, SADLY, FAR GREATER SUICIDES NOW THAN WE ARE DEATHS FROM COVID. WE'RE SEEING FAR GREATER DEATHS FROM DRUG OVERDOSE THAT ARE ABOVE EXCESS THAT WE HAD AS BACKGROUND THAN WE ARE SEEING THE DEATHS FROM COVID. SO THIS IS WHY I KEEP COMING BACK FOR THE OVERALL SOCIAL BEING OF INDIVIDUALS, IS LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER AND FIND OUT HOW WE CAN FIND COMMON GROUND TO GET THESE SCHOOLS OPEN IN A WAY THAT PEOPLE ARE COMFORTABLE AND THEIR SAFE."

9-7-2020

EVEN THOUGH THE CDC RELEASED DEATH NUMBERS THAT COMPLETELY CONTRADICT THE MAINSTREAM NARRATIVE, AND SHOW THAT THIS PANDEMIC IS A FRAUD, IT IS STILL LITTLE REPORTED, AND IT SEEMS THAT MANY WOULD PAY NO ATTENTION TO THIS REVELATION EVEN IF IT WERE REPORTED MORE WIDELY. THIS ALONE SHOWS THE WEAKNESS AND APATHETIC MINDSET THAT PERMEATES THE AMERICAN POPULACE TODAY.

9-9-2020. CDC

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SAMPLING OF ARTICLES IN MEDICAL JOURNALS AROUND THE COUNTRY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

BILL SARDI WROTE, THE UNIVERSITIES WILL TELL YOU THAT THEY NEED TO IMPOSE THESE RESTRICTIONS TO COPE WITH A RAGING PANDEMIC, BUT THEY ARE LYING. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS HAVE ALMOST NO RISK OF DYING FROM COVID-19. [BILL SARDI SAYS](#), "IN THE FIRST 8 MONTHS OF 2020 THERE WERE ONLY ~1200 EXCESS DEATHS PER MONTH OR 40 EXTRA DEATHS PER DAY EXCLUSIVELY DUE TO COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS INFECTIONS, WITH 80% OF THOSE AMONG AMERICAN AGE 65 AND OLDER. BY EXTRAPOLATION, THERE WERE ONLY ~8 EXCESS COVID-19 ONLY DEATHS PER DAY AMONG WORKING-AGE ADULTS AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN."

CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS AUGUST 26, 2020 UPDATE ON PROVISIONAL DEATH COUNTS FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) STATES THE FOLLOWING: “FOR 6% OF THE DEATHS, COVID-19 WAS THE ONLY CAUSE MENTIONED.”

MASKS

THIS ARTICLE EXPLAINS IN DETAIL THE RISK OF CLOTH, PARTICULATE SIZE, ETC.

IF YOU WANT MORE STUDIES I CAN PROVIDE UPON REQUEST. IT IS NOT MY JOB TO PROVIDE THE SCIENCE FOR THE COMMUNITY- SINCE NO ONE TO DATE THAT I’VE ASKED HAS DONE SO I THOUGHT I’D SHARE SCIENCE WITH THE BODY IN CHARGE OF LEGISLATION FOR OUR CITY.

CENTER FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE RESEARCH AND POLICY, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA (CIDRAP) FILED UNDER: COVID-19 LISA M BROSSAU, SCD, AND MARGARET SIETSEMA, PHD | APR 01, 2020 DR. BROSSAU IS A NATIONAL EXPERT ON RESPIRATORY PROTECTION AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND PROFESSOR (RETIRED), UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO. DR. SIETSEMA IS ALSO AN EXPERT ON RESPIRATORY PROTECTION AND AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO. EDITOR’S NOTE: THE AUTHORS ADDED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON JUL 16. HE AUTHORS AND CIDRAP HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS IN RECENT WEEKS TO REMOVE THIS ARTICLE FROM THE CIDRAP WEBSITE. REASONS HAVE INCLUDED: (1) WE DON’T TRULY KNOW THAT CLOTH MASKS (FACE COVERINGS) ARE NOT EFFECTIVE, SINCE THE DATA ARE SO LIMITED, (2) WEARING A CLOTH MASK OR FACE COVERING IS BETTER THAN DOING NOTHING, (3) THE ARTICLE IS BEING USED BY INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS TO SUPPORT NON-MASK WEARING WHERE MANDATED AND (4) THERE ARE NOW MANY MODELING



STUDIES SUGGESTING THAT CLOTH MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS COULD BE EFFECTIVE AT FLATTENING THE CURVE AND PREVENTING MANY CASES OF INFECTION. IF THE DATA ARE LIMITED, HOW CAN WE SAY FACE COVERINGS ARE LIKELY NOT EFFECTIVE? WE AGREE THAT THE DATA SUPPORTING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A CLOTH MASK OR FACE COVERING ARE VERY LIMITED. WE DO, HOWEVER, HAVE DATA FROM LABORATORY STUDIES THAT INDICATE CLOTH MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS OFFER VERY LOW FILTER COLLECTION EFFICIENCY FOR THE SMALLER INHALABLE PARTICLES WE BELIEVE ARE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSMISSION, PARTICULARLY FROM PRE- OR ASYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT COUGHING OR SNEEZING. AT THE TIME WE WROTE THIS ARTICLE, WE WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WELL-PERFORMED STUDIES OF CLOTH MASK LEAKAGE WHEN WORN ON THE FACE—EITHER INWARD OR OUTWARD LEAKAGE. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THESE DATA ARE STILL LACKING. **THE GUIDELINES FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) FOR FACE COVERINGS INITIALLY DID NOT HAVE ANY CITATIONS FOR STUDIES OF CLOTH MATERIAL EFFICIENCY OR FIT, BUT SOME REFERENCES HAVE BEEN ADDED SINCE THE GUIDELINES WERE FIRST POSTED. WE REVIEWED THESE AND FOUND THAT MANY EMPLOY VERY CRUDE, NON-STANDARDIZED METHODS (ANFINRUD 2020, DAVIES 2013, KONDA 2020, AYDIN 2020, MA 2020) OR ARE NOT RELEVANT TO CLOTH FACE COVERINGS BECAUSE THEY EVALUATE RESPIRATORS OR SURGICAL MASKS (LEUNG 2020, JOHNSON 2009, GREEN 2012). THE CDC FAILED TO REFERENCE THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES RAPID EXPERT CONSULTATION ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FABRIC MASKS FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (NAS 2020), WHICH CONCLUDES, “THE EVIDENCE FROM...LABORATORY FILTRATION STUDIES SUGGESTS THAT SUCH FABRIC MASKS MAY REDUCE THE TRANSMISSION OF LARGER RESPIRATORY DROPLETS. THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE REGARDING THE TRANSMISSION OF SMALL AEROSOLIZED PARTICULATES OF THE SIZE POTENTIALLY EXHALED BY ASYMPTOMATIC OR**

**PRESYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS WITH COVID-19.” AS WELL, THE CDC NEGLECTED TO MENTION A WELL-DONE STUDY OF CLOTH MATERIAL FILTER PERFORMANCE BY RENGASAMY ET AL (2014), WHICH WE REVIEWED IN OUR ARTICLE. IS WEARING A FACE COVERING BETTER THAN NOTHING? WEARING A CLOTH MASK OR FACE COVERING COULD BE BETTER THAN DOING NOTHING, BUT WE SIMPLY DON’T KNOW AT THIS POINT. WE HAVE OBSERVED AN EVOLUTION IN THE MESSAGING AROUND CLOTH MASKS, FROM AN INITIAL UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS A REPLACEMENT FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING TO MORE RECENT MESSAGING THAT SUGGESTS CLOTH MASKS ARE EQUIVALENT TO PHYSICAL DISTANCING. AND WHILE EVERYONE APPEARS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MESSAGING SUGGESTS THAT A CLOTH MASK IS APPROPRIATE ONLY FOR SOURCE CONTROL (IE, TO PROTECT OTHERS FROM INFECTION), RECENT CDC AND OTHER GUIDANCE RECOMMENDING THEIR USE BY WORKERS SEEMS TO IMPLY THAT THEY OFFER SOME TYPE OF PERSONAL PROTECTION. WE KNOW OF WORKPLACES IN WHICH EMPLOYEES ARE TOLD THEY CANNOT WEAR RESPIRATORS FOR THE HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTS THEY WORK IN, BUT INSTEAD NEED TO WEAR A CLOTH MASK OR FACE COVERING. THESE ARE DANGEROUS AND INAPPROPRIATE APPLICATIONS THAT GREATLY EXCEED THE INITIAL PURPOSE OF A CLOTH MASK. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT MANY PEOPLE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE VERY LIMITED DEGREE OF PROTECTION A CLOTH MASK OR FACE COVERING LIKELY OFFERS AS SOURCE CONTROL FOR PEOPLE LOCATED NEARBY....IN RESPONSE TO THE STREAM OF MISINFORMATION AND MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE NATURE AND ROLE OF MASKS AND RESPIRATORS AS SOURCE CONTROL OR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE), WE CRITICALLY REVIEW THE TOPIC TO INFORM ONGOING COVID-19 DECISION-MAKING THAT RELIES ON SCIENCE-BASED DATA AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE. AS NOTED IN A PREVIOUS COMMENTARY, THE LIMITED DATA WE HAVE FOR COVID-19 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SARS-COV-2—THE**

VIRUS THAT CAUSES COVID-19—IS TRANSMITTED BY INHALATION OF BOTH DROPLETS AND AEROSOLS NEAR THE SOURCE. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE PRE-SYMPTOMATIC OR ASYMPTOMATIC THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THEIR INFECTION ARE SPREADING THE DISEASE IN THIS WAY. DATA LACKING TO RECOMMEND BROAD MASK USE **WE DO NOT RECOMMEND REQUIRING THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHO DO NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19-LIKE ILLNESS TO ROUTINELY WEAR CLOTH OR SURGICAL MASKS BECAUSE:** THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THEY ARE EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING THE RISK OF SARS-COV-2 TRANSMISSION THEIR USE MAY RESULT IN THOSE WEARING THE MASKS TO RELAX DISTANCING EFFORTS BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SENSE OF PROTECTION ONE NEED TO PRESERVE THE SUPPLY OF SURGICAL MASKS FOR AT-RISK HEALTHCARE WORKERS. **SWEEPING MASK RECOMMENDATIONS—AS MANY HAVE PROPOSED—WILL NOT REDUCE SARS-COV-2 TRANSMISSION, AS EVIDENCED BY THE WIDESPREAD PRACTICE OF WEARING SUCH MASKS IN HUBEI PROVINCE, CHINA, BEFORE AND DURING ITS MASS COVID-19 TRANSMISSION EXPERIENCE EARLIER THIS YEAR. OUR REVIEW OF RELEVANT STUDIES INDICATES THAT CLOTH MASKS WILL BE INEFFECTIVE AT PREVENTING SARS-COV-2 TRANSMISSION, WHETHER WORN AS SOURCE CONTROL OR AS PPE.** SURGICAL MASKS LIKELY HAVE SOME UTILITY AS SOURCE CONTROL (MEANING THE WEARER LIMITS VIRUS DISPERSAL TO ANOTHER PERSON) FROM A SYMPTOMATIC PATIENT IN A HEALTHCARE SETTING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF LARGE COUGH PARTICLES AND LIMIT THE LATERAL DISPERSION OF COUGH PARTICLES. THEY MAY ALSO HAVE VERY LIMITED UTILITY AS SOURCE CONTROL OR PPE IN HOUSEHOLDS. RESPIRATORS, THOUGH, ARE THE ONLY OPTION THAT CAN ENSURE PROTECTION FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS DEALING WITH COVID-19 CASES, ONCE ALL OF THE STRATEGIES FOR OPTIMIZING RESPIRATOR SUPPLY HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER RESPIRATORS ARE AN EFFECTIVE

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\*\* Data to inform the definition of close contact are limited. Factors to consider when defining close contact include proximity, the duration of exposure (e.g., longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk), and whether the exposure was to a person with symptoms (e.g., coughing likely increases exposure risk). While research indicates masks may help those who are infected from spreading the infection, there is less information regarding whether masks offer any protection for a contact exposed to a symptomatic or asymptomatic patient. Therefore, the determination of close contact should be made irrespective of whether the person with COVID-19 or the contact was wearing a mask. Because the general public has not received training on proper selection and use of respiratory PPE, it cannot be certain whether respiratory PPE worn during contact with an individual with COVID-19 infection protected them from exposure. Therefore, as a conservative approach, the determination of close contact should generally be made irrespective of whether the contact was wearing respiratory PPE, which is recommended for health care personnel and other trained users, or a mask recommended for the general public.

On June 4, 2020

1. Added exposure to people with confirmed COVID-19 who have not had any symptoms to this Guidance.

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**From:** [Thomas Kesler](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** fines and mask mandate  
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**External**

Thomas Kesler  
479 Maple Street

I support including fines in the West Lafayette mask mandate. Public safety requires pushing back against the politicization which surrounds the covid-19 disease. We must do our part to keep ourselves and others safe. We are all in this together.

**From:** [Christine Clark Jones](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Mask ordinance  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 2:51:14 PM

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I, as one of the many, am so glad that our mayor instituted a mask mandate. I was disappointed to read that it has been found illegal as written. However, in light of the fact that no fines have been levied at this point does show that it has been, for the most part, effective without the fine. I would like to see a first, and all subsequent offenses be a warning with an accompanying compliance form to take a covid-19 test within 48 hours. If the form is not returned then the fine would be levied. I have had the test, (the one up the nostril with the stick feeling like it is coming out the top of my head.) It is not fun and I think, after having one, the person may decide that wearing a mask isn't so bad after all.

Respectfully submitted,

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**From:** [Braile, Lawrence W](#)  
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## External

Mask requirement-

We strongly support the West Lafayette mask requirement for persons in public places where social distancing is not possible such as stores and other shops and locations. Early in the pandemic, there was confusion about public mask use because of the small supply of surgical quality masks which were desperately needed for medical personnel. President Trump also has mostly not worn a mask and has not strongly supported the use of masks. However, unlike all of us, the president is nearly always around people who are very regularly tested for the virus. Nearly all medical professionals, including Dr. Fauci and Dr. Birx, recommend the use of masks in public places. The effectiveness of masks has been demonstrated by a Duke University study (<https://hartfordhealthcare.org/about-us/news-press/news-detail?articleid=27691&publicid=395>). Wearing a mask in public places helps protect the person wearing the mask as well as other people that the mask wearer comes close to. With the recent opening of K-12 schools and universities, and the significant increases in the number of Covid 19 cases in Indiana (<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/new-cases-50-states/indiana>) in the last 2 months, the mask requirement is definitely needed.

Larry and Sheryl Braile, West Lafayette

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**Subject:** New CDC report shows 94% of COVID-19 deaths in U.S. had contributing conditions | HealthLeaders Media  
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<https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/covid-19/new-cdc-report-shows-94-covid-19-deaths-us-had-contributing-conditions>

Referencing the above article, it's time to put an end to this mandate. I, as a senior citizen, was unaffected by COVID until I was mandated to wear a mask. The skin on my lips began to peel off. If you want to wear a mask forever, feel free, but please stop promoting fear and paranoia. I see people being treated like they are lepers and others acting suspiciously that they might catch COVID even though one is masked. The result of Social Distancing has morphed people into an isolationist society and this virus IS being used for political purposes. It's about control.

Moreover, I would suggest that you drop the fines as originally rolled out in the mandate as it would be violating HIPAA if a person would be forced to divulge his medical information in defense of not wearing a mask. Ripe for a lawsuit. (I happened to be in Amish country this weekend and noticed that not one Amish person wore a mask entering into a store nor were they even questioned.. Are they exempt or is it that they are not subject to television coverage?)

Totally off the subject but as a side issue and in response to Mr. DeBoer who advocates on twitter for "radical redistribution of wealth", and coming from a former small business owner in WL, I would suggest to Mr. DeBoer that he get off his duff and earn his money like the rest of America has done through our own initiatives and hard work. He does not have the right to other people's money just because he feels he is entitled to it. I wonder if his constituents really understand what he is advocating.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** [Stephenson, Marcia C](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** comments: mask mandate  
**Date:** Sunday, September 6, 2020 12:36:58 PM

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**External**

Dear Colleagues,

I write in support of Mayor John Dennis's mask mandate. The science supports that wearing a mask can help reduce the spread of Covid-19.

Wearing a mask shows respect for others, for your community, for your teachers and health care workers, and, ultimately, for yourself.

Thanks,  
Marcia Stephenson

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Marcia Stephenson, Ph.D.  
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**From:** [Barbara Salmon](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** mask ordinance  
**Date:** Sunday, September 6, 2020 11:01:58 AM

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**External**

I totally support the mask mandate. I was pleased when Mayor Dennis originally issued this.  
Made it safe to go to the grocery store.

Barbara Salmon  
1601 Sheridan Rd  
WL

**From:** [James Bien](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Ordinance  
**Date:** Sunday, September 6, 2020 9:38:22 AM

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Council:

I am a resident of West Lafayette and I write in support of your enacting a mask ordinance substantially similar to Mayor Dennis' order of earlier this summer.

The consistent and correct wearing of face masks does reduce the spread of SARS-CoV2-19, the virus that causes COVID-19 disease.

Masks reduce the likelihood that the virus will be shared between individuals. Wearing them is one of the few actions we all can do to reduce this risk of transmission. Though imperfect, they are an essential component of our collective response to this pandemic. Others include social distancing, restrictions on crowd sizes, bar and restaurant limits, and frequent hand sanitizing.

An ordinance with consequences will strengthen the public's consistency with their use thereby increasing our collective chance to keep this pandemic under control, improve the likelihood our schools, Purdue and businesses will not be further impacted, and save lives.

Please take action to put back in place this component of our community's public health response.

Thank you.

Jim Bien, MD, MPH  
755 Noble Court

**From:** [Pickerill M.D., Casey](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Mask mandate  
**Date:** Friday, September 4, 2020 6:59:08 PM

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## External

Please stay within your authority boundaries.

Trust the citizenry to use common sense in living our lives. There is no unequivocal scientific evidence to support your policy.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [Margaret Carafa](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Mask mandate  
**Date:** Friday, September 4, 2020 6:12:06 PM

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**External**

Good evening,

As someone who travels to West Lafayette at least once a week for shopping and educational purposes, I'm asking that you refrain from creating another mandate to wear masks. It's dangerous for those of us with medical conditions and unhealthy for everyone else.

Thank you,  
Margaret Carafa

**From:** [Elisabeth Raess](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Mask mandate  
**Date:** Friday, September 4, 2020 4:12:28 PM

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External

Dear City Council,

Please do not reinstate the fines. The state already has a mandate, and it is ridiculous to continue this mandate as this virus has a better survival rate than the seasonal flu. The evidence simply does not support the mask mandate.

Thank you,  
Elisabeth Langenkamp

**From:** [Tim Schlank](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** objection to 17-20 Masks  
**Date:** Friday, September 4, 2020 2:42:19 PM

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## External

I am an Indiana resident that regularly kayaks and camps at Tippecanoe. I am objecting to  
ORDINANCE NO.17-20 ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS AS NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

which states

WHEREAS. cloth face coverings help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a cloth face covering will help protect nearby people, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and workers who frequently come into close contact with other people (e.g., in stores and restaurants).

There is no evidence of that, there are already governor orders so this restricts on freedom and spreads fear unnecessarily. This attempt to introduce a fine is an abuse of power that the people will not tolerate.

Regards Tim Schlank

**From:** [Carey Graf](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** No mask Mandates  
**Date:** Friday, September 4, 2020 11:10:23 AM

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## External

No to mask mandates. There is no study, pre-covid or otherwise, that gives empirical evidence to support the claim that masks reduce the spread of contagion. If you believe the masks will keep you safe, great wear one! Make it a choice though, not a mandate. I've been working in health care for 19 years and counting and all the nurses and doctors I speak to agree these masks, unless they are N-95 masks, do nothing to prevent the spread of something only seen with an electron microscope. In fact, they agree that more harm is done by wearing one with the constant inhalation of one's own CO2. End the mask mandates please and give people a choice!

Thank you,  
Carey Graf  
Georgetown, IN

**From:** [Bryan Strother, DC, FICPA](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to mask mandate  
**Date:** Friday, September 4, 2020 10:21:24 AM

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**External**

I am opposed to an additional mandate on masks. The state of indiana already has a mandate. Further mandates would just be taxing citizens.

Bryan Strother



**From:** [Roger Stark](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: Council Meeting - 9/8/2020; Agenda Item: Ordinance No. 17-20  
**Date:** Thursday, September 3, 2020 7:58:45 AM

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## External

Good morning City Council Members,

I wanted to send an email regarding ordinance number 17-20 in the upcoming council meeting on September 8th, that will require the wearing of face coverings. I prepared a testimony to give at the meeting, but found out this will not be an in person meeting. I will look forward to a response to this email from the council. If there is a response from anyone at the Health Department regarding this information, I would greatly appreciate a chance to respond and debate this matter since I can't be there in person. Thank you.

My name is Roger Stark and I am a West Lafayette resident, small business owner, and co-founder of the Indiana Health Choice Coalition. My wife has her masters degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University. I am here to testify on the other side of the mask science. My goal here today is not to prove to you that face coverings do not work, but rather to explain how science works.

The opinions of the CDC and our local health department do not represent the opinions of all medical and health professionals. The effectiveness of mask usage is highly debatable, and there is science to support mask wearing, just as there is science to caution against it.

Many of the studies currently being used to support mask usage are correlation studies or studies performed in a lab testing the efficacy of various types of facemasks. Many conclusions of these studies model a percentage of reduction in cases of Covid-19 that could occur based on those findings. These studies are great in theory, but there can be many variables in the real world that would drastically change those percentages. What could some of these variables be? There is a very specific way in which you're supposed to wear your face covering. According to the World Health Organization you are supposed to clean your hands before touching your cloth mask, Then you are supposed to adjust your mask without leaving gaps on the sides, making sure to cover your mouth, nose, and chin. Then you CANNOT touch your mask until washing your hands prior to remove it by the straps. Then the mask must be stored in a clean plastic, resealable bag if it is not dirty or wet and you plan to reuse it, along with washing the mask once a day in soap or detergent with hot water. Then you must wash your hands again after removing the mask. If you are doing anything other than these steps, you could paradoxically be increasing your risk of becoming infected with SARS-CoV-2 because masks may divert attention from implementing more fundamental infection-control measures. (1) I personally have not seen anyone in the general public following these guidelines. This is the reason that the thinking that "something is better than nothing," may not be true at all if masks actually have the potential to increase your risk of infection. What is some other evidence of this?

A study published in June titled 'Do facemasks protect against COVID-19?' (11) the authors state

that: During the pandemics caused by swine flu and by the coronaviruses which caused SARS and MERS, many people in Asia and elsewhere walked around wearing surgical or homemade cotton masks to protect themselves. One danger of doing this is the illusion of protection. Surgical facemasks are designed to be discarded after single use. As they become moist they become porous and no longer protect. Indeed, experiments have shown that surgical and cotton masks do not trap the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) virus, which can be detected on the outer surface of the masks for up to 7 days. Thus, a pre-symptomatic or mildly infected person wearing a facemask for hours without changing it and without washing hands every time they touched the mask could paradoxically increase the risk of infecting others. Because the USA is in a desperate situation, their Centers for Disease Control has recommended the public wear homemade cloth masks. This was essentially done in an effort to try and reduce community transmission, especially from people who may not perceive themselves to be symptomatic, rather than to protect the wearer, although the evidence for this is scant.

A Study in the New England Journal of Medicine titled: 'Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19 Era', they state that: "We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection. Public health authorities define a significant exposure to Covid-19 as face-to-face contact within 6 feet with a patient with symptomatic Covid-19 that is sustained for at least a few minutes (and some say more than 10 minutes or even 30 minutes). The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal. In many cases, the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic." (1)

One thing to note, there have been no randomized controlled clinical trials on cloth masks and SARS-CoV-2. There has been a study on cloth face masks and Influenza. This 2015 study concluded: "This study is the first RCT of cloth masks, and the results caution against the use of cloth masks. This is an important finding to inform occupational health and safety. Moisture retention, reuse of cloth masks and poor filtration may result in increased risk of infection. Further research is needed to inform the widespread use of cloth masks globally. However, as a precautionary measure, cloth masks should not be recommended for HCWs, particularly in high-risk situations, and guidelines need to be updated." (2) This is one study I sent to Dr. Adler, and he commented this did not involve SARS-CoV-2, which is true, but it is involving another virus that spreads through droplet transmission. This just goes to show how much we need randomized controlled studies on cloth masks, especially being worn by untrained citizens.

In another study titled: 'Facemasks and similar barriers to prevent respiratory illness such as COVID-19: A rapid systematic review' (10), the authors state that: "Across observational studies the evidence in favor of wearing facemasks was stronger. We expect RCTs to under-estimate the protective effect and observational studies to exaggerate it. The evidence is not sufficiently strong to support widespread use of facemasks as a protective measure against COVID-19. However, there is enough evidence to support the use of facemasks for short periods of time by particularly vulnerable individuals when in transient higher risk situations. Further high quality trials are needed to assess when wearing a facemask in the community is most likely to be protective."

In this Rapid Expert Consultation on the Effectiveness of Fabric Masks for the COVID-19 Pandemic released by The National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine: (4), they conclude that:

“There are no studies of individuals wearing homemade fabric masks in the course of their typical activities. Therefore, we have only limited, indirect evidence regarding the effectiveness of such masks for protecting others, when made and worn by the general public on a regular basis. That evidence comes primarily from laboratory studies testing the effectiveness of different materials at capturing particles of different sizes. The evidence from these laboratory filtration studies suggests that such fabric masks may reduce the transmission of larger respiratory droplets. There is little evidence regarding the transmission of small aerosolized particulates of the size potentially exhaled by asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic individuals with COVID-19. The extent of any protection will depend on how the masks are made and used. It will also depend on how mask use affects users’ other precautionary behaviors, including their use of better masks, when those become widely available. Those behavioral effects may undermine or enhance homemade fabric masks’ overall effect on public health. The current level of benefit, if any, is not possible to assess.”

On the CDC website, you will find an example that supports mask usage by citing a study that states: “Among 139 clients exposed to two symptomatic hair stylists with confirmed COVID-19 while both the stylists and the clients wore face masks, no symptomatic secondary cases were reported; among 67 clients tested for SARS-CoV-2, all test results were negative. Adherence to the community’s and company’s face-covering policy *likely* mitigated spread of SARS-CoV-2.” (5) The problems with a study like this is this is an observational study that can only correlate their findings, and they only tested 67 of the 139 clients. Just because the rest of them may not have developed symptoms, does not mean they did not become infected and were asymptomatic like many people are.

There was a study done on 455 contacts who were exposed to an asymptomatic COVID-19 virus carrier. (6) What they found was that: “No severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infections was detected in 455 contacts by nucleic acid test. Conclusion: In summary, all the 455 contacts were excluded from SARS-CoV-2 infection and we conclude that the infectivity of some asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 carriers might be weak.” This study is just as limited as the study I previously mentioned, but is an example of showing the CDC’s bias of not including all available science. They only provide the ones that support their opinion, because the individual in this study was NOT wearing a mask or face covering.

One of the articles Dr. Adler sent me in my email discussion with him was Zhang et al. Identifying airborne transmission as the dominant route for the spread of COVID-19 (7). There has been a formal request for a retraction for the Zhang et al. study by The National Academy of Sciences stating that: “We are writing with deep concerns about a paper recently published in your journal, entitled “Identifying airborne transmission as the dominant route for the spread of COVID-19.” The paper made extraordinary claims about routes of transmission, the effectiveness of mask wearing, and by implication, the ineffectiveness of other non-pharmaceutical interventions. While we agree that mask-wearing plays an important role in slowing the spread of COVID-19, the claims in this study were based on easily falsifiable claims and methodological design flaws... the claims presented in this study are dangerously misleading and lack any basis in evidence. Unfortunately, since its publication on June 11th, this article has been distributed and shared widely in traditional and social media, where its claims are being interpreted as rigorous science. As societies debate the risks of re-opening and relaxing social distancing measures, it is crucial that decisions rely on a solid evidence base. (8)

A 2020 study on the CDC's website titled 'Nonpharmaceutical Measures for Pandemic Influenza in Nonhealthcare Settings—Personal Protective and Environmental Measures' They found that: "In our systematic review, we identified 10 RCTs that reported estimates of the effectiveness of face masks in reducing laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infections in the community from literature published during 1946–July 27, 2018. In pooled analysis, we found no significant reduction in influenza transmission with the use of face masks" (3) Please note that this is also not regarding SARS-CoV-2, but again shows we need to have randomized controlled trials on face coverings for this virus to see if it's effective or not.

We also have data from California. Governor Newsome announced his mask mandate on June 18th, 2020. Just over 5 weeks later, the cases were still rising, and the testing positivity rate had been steadily increasing in that time period. (9) So not every observation after introducing mask mandates shows a reduction in cases, meaning there could be many other factors that contribute to case reduction other than face coverings.

In summary, we can't make mandates based on a bunch of observational studies, when those observations go both ways, and actual RCT's of cloth masks caution against their use or show no or marginal benefit. I can appreciate the recommendations of the CDC and our Local Health Department, but when there is any chance that masks can increase someone's chance of becoming infected and then being able to spread the virus, we have to leave these decisions up to each individual to be able to look at ALL available science, and make their own risk/benefit analysis. Mandates can not be the answer.

Thank you.

Roger Stark

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**From:** [Sherry Shelley](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Face Mask Mandate with Fines for Violators  
**Date:** Thursday, September 3, 2020 1:20:00 AM

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## External

Dear Council Members and Mayor Dennis,

Scientists believe the COVID 19 virus is no longer a serious threat as it was back in March. Researchers think the virus has mutated to a weaker and more contagious version, meaning as the virus spreads, it will not be as deadly. They know the elderly and people with pre-existing conditions are still vulnerable though. So, wouldn't it be logical to advise the vulnerable to take precautions, not the whole population? Therefore, we don't understand the mask mandate, restrictions on businesses and gatherings for the general population.

Because the virus is weaker, some people may have mild symptoms similar to a summer cold or flu. In fact, many doctors are advising their patients to stay home, get rest, drink fluids and only call them if their symptoms get worse. Many people don't even know they have the virus because they have no symptoms. As a result, our hospitals are not overflowing with COVID patients. Remember back in March our government officials assured us that we were to shelter in place until the hospitals were equipped to handle the outbreak? Well, the hospitals now have those resources to handle a surge in COVID cases if there is a "second wave." Yet, governors and mayors are still insisting on mask mandates and restrictions on businesses and gatherings.

Even people such as Alex Berenson, former NY Times journalist and author of *Unreported Truths about COVID-19 and Lockdowns*, are helping us understand the true nature of this virus by comparing it to other causes of death by stating, "the 700,000 people it has killed worldwide are less than half the number who have died of traffic accident OR diarrhea OR tuberculosis this year, less than 2% of all deaths."

So, why are so many governors and their mayors still enforcing mask mandates, restrictions on businesses and gatherings?

The CDC, in July, revised their guidelines. It even included this warning about masks, "While research indicates masks may help those who are infected from spreading the infection, there is less information regarding whether masks offer any protection for a contact exposed to a symptomatic or asymptomatic patient." The guidelines also noted that many people in the general public do not wear the masks correctly. Masks are often taken off and put back on several times throughout the day. Just in itself, makes the mask ineffective to the wearer. We all have seen people, even ourselves, not wear the mask in the proper manner. In your mandate, it only has the requirement is that a cloth mask covers nose and mouth. In order for the mask to be effective, proper mask wearing is more complicated than that. For example, people need to change them when they touch the mask or their face. Also, we have seen all kinds of masks being worn, some meet criteria and some don't. Again, why the mask mandates, restrictions on businesses and gatherings?

In the past, we have dealt with SARS and MERS, which are also coronaviruses. American people were never locked down or ordered to wear masks. So, why this one? Why did CDC advise governments to do these extreme measures against its own protocol for handling pandemics?

As stated, the virus isn't deadly to most of the population. We believe you, as a governing body, to please reconsider the mask mandate and allow people to choose to wear a mask or not. People with underlying conditions or elderly that are fearful and believe the mask will protect them, they should feel free to wear one. AND, people, who believe the mask have no bearing on protecting them from the virus, should have the choice not to wear one. We believe governing bodies love to govern, but it is their citizens' job to keep them in check. It is frightening how easily the public health officials convinced our government to shut down our economy, closed our schools and sheltered us in place for months. Even more frightening is what health officials will persuade our governing bodies to do to us next.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

Regards,  
Dave and Sherry Shelley  
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**Subject:** Mask ordinance  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 10:01:50 PM

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## External

I oppose the mask ordinance that the city council is talking about adding to the city. We already have a state order. There's no need to waste time and money policing this at a local level.

Also, I'm truly disgusted that the council meeting is "virtual", if you can even call it that with no video stream. That should be illegal. I cannot even see who is voting. I feel like that is a shady way to pass whatever they want outside of the public eye. I can't even testify. That's absurd. If Walmart workers have to show up in person, I'm absolutely positive that council members can show up to work, especially when trying to add fines to the citizens.

I'm disturbed by the tweets of Nick DeBoer that are personally making fun of people and making fun of their intelligence. What kind of a person does that? Certainly not one that serves the city of West Lafayette properly. He seems to have forgotten that his job is to protect all of our rights, not to make fun of people who disagree with him. I'm guessing he doesn't like President Trump's rhetoric, but he seems to be just as hateful of a person as the President he doesn't like. I haven't paid attention to local officials until lately, but I'm thinking it's time to campaign to get some of them out of office. We need people who aren't immature.

Finally, if any of you are concerned for public safety, please make an ordinance for criminal penalties against hospitals and healthcare workers for the preventable medical errors that kill people. That's the third leading cause of death in the USA. Most errors go completely uncompensated and unpunished. At least 685 people are killed by medical errors EVERY single day. Incompetent, uncaring health care workers are more deadly than covid-19, yet officials do nothing to stop those murders. I say they do nothing, but that's not completely true. The state legislators do work to pass laws to provide immunity from liability for doctors and to disallow malpractice lawsuits.

Please do something to add some teeth to stop medical errors in this city.

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**Date:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 11:48:11 PM

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## External

Dear City Council Members:

How can I participate in the electronic council meeting on 9/8? I see "WebEx Access: +1-408-418-9388, Code: 132 581 3903," but I'm not sure where to insert that information to access the meeting. Please let me know how to participate in the electronic meeting.

Also, I have a few questions for the Council Members:

1. The Governor's Executive Order mandating mask-wearing is not enforceable by penalty or criminal charges, a decision that Governor Holcomb made after pushback from Republican leaders and public protests against government-mandated mask-wearing. Why do the City Council Members believe that the City of West Lafayette need to enforce a mask mandate by penalty of fine when Governor Holcomb's Executive Order is not enforceable by criminal charges or fine?
2. What studies or information did you rely on to determine that masks are the most effective measure for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in West Lafayette?
3. What led you to conclude that the current mandate is not sufficient (i.e., why is it necessary to undermine Judge Persin's Order and implement the provision of the Mayor's Order that penalizes individuals for not wearing a mask in public places)?
4. What process, inquiry or investigation did you conduct that led you to determine a mask mandate that isn't enforceable by penalty is a less effective means of preventing the spread than a mask mandate that is enforceable by penalty?
5. How many fines have been imposed for mask mandate violations? If none, why is it necessary to enact an ordinance that serves no purpose other than to reinstate the provision that penalizes mask-wearing violations?
6. If Dr. Fauci, the CDC, Surgeon General and WHO initially advised against wearing masks, what convinced you that their initial recommendations were unreliable and that their current recommendations are reliable? While we learn more about the virus every day, the microbiology of the particles hasn't changed, and the premise that non-professional masks worn by non-trained professionals run the risk of counterproductive cross-contamination did not change.
7. If me not wearing a mask transmits the virus to others who are wearing a mask, then doesn't that recognize that masks do not work to stop a respiratory virus that is microscopic and has the ability to get through the mask?
8. How can mask-wearing work when people store them in their pockets to collect bacteria and share/trade them for the purpose of complying with the mask mandate?
9. Does the surgical mask not effectively serve as a reservoir for viral particles, as indicated by Dr. Sanjay Gupta, CNN Chief Medical Correspondence, in a podcast episode dated March 2-3, 2020, Coronavirus: Fact vs Fiction: Mask Confusion on Apple Podcasts?
10. Surgical masks restrict oxygen levels and trap carbon dioxide. What kind of studies did you review to consider whether the benefits of a mask mandate outweigh any long-term harm that may be caused by mask-wearing?

11. Did you seek any public input when deciding to enact an ordinance that reinstates the provision that penalizes mask-wearing violations?
12. If you discovered that a majority of West Lafayette citizens oppose penalties for mask-wearing violations, would you still enact an ordinance that is enforceable by punishment of fine?
13. The proposed mask ordinance indicates that it was sponsored by Mayor Dennis. What actions did Mayor Dennis take to prompt the mask ordinance? Did he forward via email the Tippecanoe Circuit Court's Order that declared the Mayor's mask mandate void (to the extent it imposes fines for mask-wearing violations) and demand that you act immediately to restore his image? Did he advise that a penalty to enforce violations of the mandate is necessary to preserve public health and save lives? Please present copies of any communications between Mayor Dennis and the City Council Members regarding the mask mandate or Ordinance No. 17-20 that occurred prior to my sending this email.
14. What studies, reports or other authority did you consider to determine that requiring police officers to enforce a mask mandate by punishment of fine is an effective use of law enforcement and city resources?
15. What measures are city law enforcement authorities taking to ensure that a mask mandate will not be enforced discriminatorily?
16. What steps did you take to notify the public that the City Council Members will vote on an item of new business—proposed ordinance requiring face coverings—at the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting?
17. Councilman Nick DeBoer stated the following to the attorney who represented Mr. Bryant in the lawsuit that resulted in Mayor Dennis's Order being declared void (to the extent punishable by fine): "Hope your excuse is drowning in student loan debt and not that you actively want to kill people but I suppose either is embarrassing enough." Is that an accurate representation of all City Council Members' viewpoints on attorneys who initiate lawsuits to prevent the local government from imposing restrictions that threaten to punish conduct that has not been punished in the past? Are you aware that many attorneys across the country are filing similar lawsuits challenging state and local executive orders and other government mandates? Do the City Council Members believe attorneys who challenge executives orders that penalize mask-wearing violations seek to kill people?

I look forward to a very thorough discussion on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 6:30 PM.

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** [Cullen, Mallory Elizabeth](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote IN Support of the Resolution 14-20 and Amendment to Resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:25:54 AM

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## External

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

I am a current student at Purdue University and live at Meredith South Residence Hall. I was very excited to see West Lafayette begin to take the threat of climate change seriously last October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed I realized that there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality and strongly believe that in order for a city to properly prepare a climate action plan and plan adaptation and mitigation strategies accordingly a date needs to be established before the planning process moves forward. I want to commend the city in their efforts to perform a second greenhouse gas inventory, and hold community input sessions, but urge the city to realize that climate change is impacting us today. If we don't treat climate change like the crisis it is, as a student I won't be inclined to settle in the city of West Lafayette, we will see future outbreaks on a global scale of pandemics, heat waves and other natural disasters.

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and believe that that goal is achievable.

If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Mallory Cullen  
BS of Environmental & Ecological Engineering, May 2023

**From:** [Anna Cicirelli](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Resolution No. 14-20  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 7:56:54 AM

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External

Dear City Council Members:  
Please make sure that you pass:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-20 (Proposed Amended)  
Submitted by Councilor Bunder  
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.)

We as a community must act on this important matter without further delay. Our future and the future of the entire earth is already very compromised from failure to act much sooner and more aggressively.

Thank you,  
Anna Cicirelli  
1221 N. Salisbury St.  
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Barbara S Clark](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in support of climate resolution from League of Women Voters Greater Lafayette  
**Date:** Monday, September 7, 2020 4:47:21 PM

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## External

To: West Lafayette City Council Members  
(via W. Laf. City Clerk - thanks for forwarding this to Council Members)

On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette, let me first express our appreciation for the initial climate resolution adopted last year by the City of West Lafayette. We write now to encourage you to pass Resolution #14-20 at your upcoming meeting. We appreciate the City putting forward specific goals and deadlines and providing a new funded position to coordinate that work.

Our non-partisan organization's 100-year central goal has been to promote informed and active citizen participation in government. We also study and take action on related issues; and quoting from our official position paper, "The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and planet...".

Our thanks to the City of West Lafayette for your local efforts to address this global crisis.

Barbara S. Clark, Executive for Business  
League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette  
138 Pathway Lane  
West Lafayette, IN. 47906

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Reagan A Muinzer](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote in Support of the Resolution 14-20  
**Date:** Monday, September 7, 2020 3:02:02 PM

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**External**

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

I am a current student at Purdue University, and a lifelong resident of Tippecanoe County. I was elated to see that West Lafayette is now taking the threat of climate change seriously, as of October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed, I realized that there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality. I strongly believe that for a city to properly prepare a climate action plan, adaptation, and mitigation strategies accordingly, a date needs to be established before the planning process moves forward.

I want to commend the city in their efforts to perform a second greenhouse gas inventory, and hold community input sessions, but I urge the city to realize that climate change is impacting us increasingly each day. If we do not treat climate change as a true crisis, I will not be inclined to continue residing in the city of West Lafayette after graduation. We will see future outbreaks on a global scale of pandemics, heat waves and other natural disasters because of this crisis, but we have the power to make things right.

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038, and I strongly believe that that goal is achievable. If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Best,

Reagan Muinzer  
Wildlife Major  
Department of Forestry and Natural Resources  
Purdue University  
West Lafayette, Indiana  
Cell: (765)714-6693

**From:** [Annabel Prokopy](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Resolution 12-19 Amendment: Please Vote in Favor  
**Date:** Sunday, September 6, 2020 10:17:43 PM

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## External

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

My name is Annabel Prokopy. I'm a current junior at WLHS and live at 116 Arrowhead Drive in West Lafayette. The passing of last year's climate resolution was momentous – it showed the dedication of the city to take drastic action against the climate crisis. Furthermore, it identified the crisis as a crisis – something that is unfortunately not always recognized. However, the current resolution does not include a carbon neutrality goal date. Without a date, the resolution is incredibly flexible. Climate action/mitigation may not begin for a long period of time and real action may never be taken to reach carbon neutrality. The next few years are crucial in taking action against the climate crisis. Whether we decide to step up and take drastic action now, or we do not, will determine the effects of climate change and the quality of life for years to come. A small action like passing this amendment may seem insignificant – after all, we are only one city. However, Vincent Van Gogh once said, "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." If the City of West Lafayette commits to a carbon neutrality date, we can be a part of great things. We can be a part of solving the climate crisis.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you will vote in favor of the amendment to Resolution 12-19 on September 9.

Annabel Prokopy  
Grade 11, West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School, 2022

**From:** [Edgar Mejia](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed amendment to resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Sunday, September 6, 2020 8:28:30 PM

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## External

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

I am a current student at Purdue University and live at Honors College North building. I was very excited to see West Lafayette begin to take the threat of climate change seriously last October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed I realized that there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality and strongly believe that in order for a city to properly prepare a climate action plan and plan adaptation and mitigation strategies accordingly a date needs to be established before the planning process moves forward. I want to commend the city in their efforts to perform a second greenhouse gas inventory and hold community input sessions, but urge the city to realize that climate change is impacting us today. If we don't treat climate change like the crisis it is, as a student I won't be inclined to settle in the city of West Lafayette, we will see future outbreaks on a global scale of pandemics, heatwaves and other natural disasters. I would also like to add that climate change will have a disproportionate effect on individuals with a low-socioeconomic status (particularly poor people). Many non-climate orientated solutions can be used to address these issues but I understand the need to discuss such solutions in more depth. However, one thing is certain, if climate change and other forms of environmental degradation are not addressed by the city of West Lafayette within a reasonable time period, it will be the lowest of society that will suffer the most. As such I ask for your effort in protecting ourselves, future generations, and people marginalized by the status quo

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and believe that that goal is achievable.

If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Edgar Mejia

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Edgar James Mejia  
Go Boilers!!!!  
972-336-1815  
[edgarjamesmejia@gmail.com](mailto:edgarjamesmejia@gmail.com)

**From:** [Lily Shen](#)  
**To:** [clerk; irisaodonnell@](#) [Peter Bunder](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote IN Support of the Amendment to Resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Sunday, September 6, 2020 5:26:49 PM

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**External**

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19. I am a current high school student and live at 3413 Covington St and have been heavily involved in the student group WL Climate Strikes. I spoke at the city council meeting that passed the climate resolution last October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed I realized that there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality and strongly believe that in order for a city to properly prepare a climate action plan and plan adaptation and mitigation strategies accordingly a date needs to be established before the planning process moves forward.

I want to commend the city in their efforts to perform a second greenhouse gas inventory, and hold community input sessions, but urge the city to realize that climate change is impacting us today. If we don't treat climate change like the crisis it is, you risk my future. Climate change is an issue that needs to be addressed today, and action should not be delayed. COVID-19 is a glance into what is to come, and as we were ill prepared and cities and governments all across the world have been scrambling to handle the situation, we believe that West Lafayette has an opportunity today. We have the opportunity to prepare for climate change, to have in place adaptation and mitigation strategies that will protect our city, and minimize the risk to our residents; that will prepare our cities leaders for climate change.

The city of West Lafayette can be at the forefront of the climate crisis and I believe the city of West Lafayette can be a leader in the state of Indiana by adapting a date for carbon neutrality. I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and believe that that goal is achievable. If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lily  
West Lafayette Jr/Sr High School



**From:** [Joanne Evers](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** WL City Council Resolution #14-20  
**Date:** Saturday, September 5, 2020 9:51:46 PM

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**External**

Dear Ms. Booker,

Please forward this email onto the WL City Council members before the Tuesday meeting on Sept. 8, 2020. Thank you.

I am writing to the WL City Council in support of Resolution #14-20, 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.

This resolution is timely and needed as a first step to address the impact climate change is having on our community. As a 38 year resident of West Lafayette, a gardener, and a birder I have observed changes in the temperature and precipitation patterns effecting the growth patterns and the drastic changes of bird species and butterfly frequency in the area.

Let's get started to do our part in halting the effects of a warming climate and serve as a model for other communities to do the same.

Thank you.

Joanne Evers  
2971 Soldiers Home Road

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Erica B](#)  
**To:** [irisaodonnell@](mailto:irisaodonnell@) clerk; [Peter Bunder](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote IN Support of the Amendment to Resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Saturday, September 5, 2020 12:26:11 PM

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External

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

I am a current West Lafayette resident and live at (1994 Klondike Road). I was very excited to see West Lafayette begin to take the threat of climate change seriously last October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed I realized that there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality and strongly believe that in order for a city to properly prepare a climate action plan and plan adaptation and mitigation strategies accordingly a date needs to be established before the planning process moves forward. I want to commend the city in their efforts to perform a second greenhouse gas inventory, and hold community input sessions, but urge the city to realize that climate change is impacting us today.

It has been proven around our country that some communities have successfully moved toward renewables. We should be looking toward these examples. Shutting down pollution has been shown, through the Pandemic, to improve our environment. We can now see significant progress can be made quicker than anticipated.

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and believe that that goal is achievable. If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Erica Beumel

Best Regards,  
Erica B

**From:** [Toby Kaufmann-Buhler](#)  
**To:** [irisaodonnell@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:irisaodonnell@[REDACTED]) clerk; [Peter Bunder](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote IN Support of the Amendment to Resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Saturday, September 5, 2020 12:21:54 PM

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External

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

I am a Lafayette resident and live at 1627 Logan Ave; as do many members of the Lafayette community, I have a great interest in the approach that local communities and the state are taking to the climate crisis and related issues. These issues are urgent and have a great impact on our current situation and future conditions (both locally and globally) for future inhabitants of all communities and countries.

I was very excited to see West Lafayette begin to take the threat of climate change seriously last October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed I realized that there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality and strongly believe that in order for a city to properly prepare a climate action plan and plan adaptation and mitigation strategies accordingly a date needs to be established before the planning process moves forward. I want to commend the city in their efforts to perform a second greenhouse gas inventory, and hold community input sessions, but urge the city to realize that climate change is impacting us today. If we don't treat climate change like the crisis it is, you risk my future. Climate change is an issue that needs to be addressed today, and action should not be delayed. COVID-19 is a glance into what is to come, and as we were ill prepared and cities and governments all across the world have been scrambling to handle the situation, we believe that West Lafayette has an opportunity today. We have the opportunity to prepare for climate change, to have in place adaptation and mitigation strategies that will protect our city, and minimize the risk to our residents; that will prepare our cities leaders for climate change. The city of West Lafayette can be at the forefront of the climate crisis and I believe the city of West Lafayette can be a leader in the state of Indiana by adapting a date for carbon neutrality.

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and believe that that goal is achievable.

If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Sincerely,  
Toby Kaufmann-Buhler

**From:** [Charlotte Warner](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** resolution #14-20  
**Date:** Saturday, September 5, 2020 11:59:22 AM

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**External**

Dear WL City Council members,

I have read and support the passage of resolution #14-20. Towns like ours must step up to the reality and challenge of climate change. I am willing to volunteer my time to help your efforts.

Thank you, Charlotte Warner, 105 Drury Lane, WL

**From:** [Dan Towery](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Carbon Neutral Goal  
**Date:** Saturday, September 5, 2020 10:43:07 AM

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**External**

W Lafayette City Council:

I encourage adoption of Resolution #14-20 - W Lafayette CARBON NEUTRALITY GOAL.  
This position can help W Lafayette be a leader in reducing its CARBON footprint.

Dan Towery  
W. Lafayette

**From:** [Kelsie Spear](#)  
**To:** [irisaodonnell@](mailto:irisaodonnell@) [REDACTED] [clerk](#); [Peter Bunder](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote IN Support of the Amendment to Resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Saturday, September 5, 2020 8:50:01 AM

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## External

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

I am a resident of White County and employed in Tippecanoe County. I was very excited to see West Lafayette begin to take the threat of climate change seriously last October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed we realized that there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality. In order for a city to properly prepare a climate action plan and plan adaptation and mitigation strategies accordingly a date needs to be established before the planning process moves forward. I want to commend the city in their efforts to perform a second greenhouse gas inventory, and hold community input sessions, but urge the city to realize that climate change is impacting us today. If we don't treat climate change like the crisis it is, you risk my future. Climate change is an issue that needs to be addressed today, and action should not be delayed. COVID-19 is a glance into what is to come, and as we were ill prepared and cities and governments all across the world have been scrambling to handle the situation, we believe that West Lafayette has an opportunity today. We have the opportunity to prepare for climate change, to have in place adaptation and mitigation strategies that will protect our city, and minimize the risk to our residents; that will prepare our cities leaders for climate change. The city of West Lafayette can be at the forefront of the climate crisis and I believe the city of West Lafayette can be a leader in the state of Indiana by adapting a date for carbon neutrality.

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and believe that that goal is achievable.

If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Kelsie Spear

**From:** [Patti Thomas](#)  
**To:** [irisaodonnell@](mailto:irisaodonnell@) [REDACTED] [clerk](#); [Peter Bunder](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote IN Support of the Amendment to Resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Saturday, September 5, 2020 8:25:35 AM

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**External**

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

I was very excited to see West Lafayette begin to take the threat of climate change seriously last October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality, and I strongly believe that we need a target date to properly prepare a climate action plan. Climate change is impacting us today, and action should not be delayed. West Lafayette has an opportunity to be at the forefront of the climate crisis and minimize risk to our citizens. I believe the city of West Lafayette can be a leader in the state of Indiana by adapting a date for carbon neutrality.

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and believe that that goal is achievable.

If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Patti Thomas  
401 Trace 4  
West Lafayette, IN

**From:** [Daniel Jenkins](#)  
**To:** [irisaodonnell@gmail.com](mailto:irisaodonnell@gmail.com); [clerk](#); [Peter Bunder](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote IN Support of the Amendment to Resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Friday, September 4, 2020 9:28:03 PM

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## External

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

I am a current high school student and live at 1700 Western Drive. I was very excited to see West Lafayette begin to take the threat of climate change seriously last October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed I realized that there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality and strongly believe that in order for a city to properly prepare a climate action plan and plan adaptation and mitigation strategies accordingly a date needs to be established before the planning process moves forward. I want to commend the city in their efforts to perform a second greenhouse gas inventory, and hold community input sessions, but urge the city to realize that climate change is impacting us today. If we don't treat climate change like the crisis it is, you risk my future. Climate change is an issue that needs to be addressed today, and action should not be delayed. COVID-19 is a glance into what is to come, and as we were ill prepared and cities and governments all across the world have been scrambling to handle the situation, we believe that West Lafayette has an opportunity today. We have the opportunity to prepare for climate change, to have in place adaptation and mitigation strategies that will protect our city, and minimize the risk to our residents; that will prepare our cities leaders for climate change. Not only will it better the city, but it will also ensure a safe future for the next generation. I frequently worry about my future, not only because of my own, personal problems, but the vast number of problems plaguing our country, and more importantly, our planet. Any step in the right direction is an essential one, especially with the extremely limited time we have to act. The city of West Lafayette can be at the forefront of the climate crisis and I believe the city of West Lafayette can be a leader in the state of Indiana by adapting a date for carbon neutrality.

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and believe that that goal is achievable.

If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Daniel Jenkins,  
Class of 2022, West Lafayette High School



**From:** [Anna-Nikol Georgiev](#)  
**To:** [irisaodonnell@](mailto:irisaodonnell@) clerk; [Peter Bunder](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote IN Support of the Amendment to Resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Friday, September 4, 2020 4:12:59 PM

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## External

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

I am a current student at Purdue University and live in Meredith South. I was very excited to see West Lafayette begin to take the threat of climate change seriously last October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed I realized that there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality and strongly believe that in order for a city to properly prepare a climate action plan and plan adaptation and mitigation strategies accordingly a date needs to be established before the planning process moves forward. I want to commend the city in their efforts to perform a second greenhouse gas inventory, and hold community input sessions, but urge the city to realize that climate change is impacting us today. If we don't treat climate change like the crisis it is, as a student I won't be inclined to settle in the city of West Lafayette, we will see future outbreaks on a global scale of pandemics, heat waves and other natural disasters. Our planet needs our immediate action.

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and believe that that goal is achievable!

If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for hearing my comments,  
Anna-Nikol Georgiev  
[ageorgie@purdue.edu](mailto:ageorgie@purdue.edu)

Anna-Nikol Georgiev  
Purdue Polytechnic Institute  
Transdisciplinary Studies in Technology | Industrial Engineering Technology  
Minors: Biotechnology | Theater Design and Production | Design and Innovation | Organizational Leadership  
MFRI Research Assistant, Meredith South RA, SKY @ Purdue President  
PCDC Stage Manager, TLI 314 Teaching Assistant  
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**From:** [Hulse, Daphne Lauren](#)  
**To:** [irisaodonnell@](mailto:irisaodonnell@) clerk; [Peter Bunder](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote IN Support of the Amendment to Resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Friday, September 4, 2020 1:39:04 PM

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**External**

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

Please share this with the city council. This email is regarding the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19.

I am a current student at Purdue University. I was very excited to see West Lafayette begin to take the threat of climate change seriously last October in 2019. However, when the resolution was passed I realized that there was no date linked to the statement regarding carbon neutrality and strongly believe that in order for a city to properly prepare a climate action plan and plan adaptation and mitigation strategies accordingly a date needs to be established before the planning process moves forward. I want to commend the city in their efforts to perform a second greenhouse gas inventory, and hold community input sessions, but urge the city to realize that climate change is impacting us today. If we don't treat climate change like the crisis it is, as a student I won't be inclined to settle in the city of West Lafayette, we will see future outbreaks on a global scale of pandemics, heat waves and other natural disasters.

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2038 and believe that that goal is achievable.

If you look at similar cities, Goshen, IN has a goal to be carbon neutral by 2035, so we would be following the same track as other cities in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for hearing my comments. I would be interested in helping with these efforts, so please let me know if there is anything I can do to aid the process along. You may contact me through this email address or through this phone number (317) 900-2836.

Sincerely,

Daphne Hulse  
Natural Resources and Environmental Science, 2021

**From:** [Jeffrey Dukes](#)  
**To:** [clerk](#)  
**Cc:** [Peter Bunder](#)  
**Subject:** Comments WRT Resolution 14-20; Amendment to Resolution 12-19  
**Date:** Thursday, September 3, 2020 12:50:48 PM

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## External

[I just realized that my previous email was accidentally sent from my Purdue email account. Please delete that email and share this one, which is otherwise identical. Thanks.]

Dear West Lafayette City Clerk,

This email relates to resolution 14-20, the proposed amendment to resolution 12-19. Please share it with the city council.

I am a West Lafayette resident, living at 232 Pawnee Drive. I am also Director of the Purdue Climate Change Research Center.

I believe that climate change is an issue of urgent importance, both globally and locally. It is important to address this challenge at the local level, both by increasing the resilience of cities and by reducing cities' contributions to the problem.

I was glad to see resolution 12-19 pass in October 2019, and am pleased that you are considering an amendment that adds important specifics, such as more concrete goals and a date by which to meet them. I support the goal of carbon neutrality by 2038, and the idea of adding a city employee who would be tasked with making it happen.

I think it is important for West Lafayette, particularly as the home of Purdue, where we train our future leaders, to lead the way when it comes to dealing with climate change. If I, or the Purdue Climate Change Research Center, can be of any assistance to the council on this issue, please let me know.

Thanks for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Dukes