

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 30, 2020

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met electronically on July 30, 2020, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

Vice-President Thomas called the meeting to order and presided.

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

Absent: Peter Bunder and Norris Wang

Also present: Mayor John Dennis, Corporation Counsel Eric Burns, Clerk Sana Booker, 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.

PRE-COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

Amend Ordinance No. 12-20

Ordinance No. 12-20 An Ordinance Setting The 2021 City Budget And Setting The 2021 Tax Levy On Property And Tax Rate (Prepared by Controller)

Controller Gray explained that the original file submitted for the Ordinance was the incorrect file that included numbers from last year's budget. He noted that he did submit the correct information to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) Gateway portal. This requested amendment is to align with what was submitted to Gateway and with the actual intent of the 2021 budget.

Councilor DeBoer moved to amend Ordinance No. 12-20 by substitution, and Councilor Parker seconded the motion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Blanco	Aye
Bunder	Absent
DeBoer	Aye
Kang	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Parker	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Absent

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Vice-President Thomas read Ordinance No. 09-20 by title only.

There was no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Vice-President Thomas read Ordinance No. 10-20 by title only.

Councilor Leverenz stated that, with this rezone, there are no changes to the outside of the buildings at this property. It is to change the configuration of the inside of the apartments.

Building Commissions Spitznagle added that there was specific language in the narrative of the original 2004 Planned Development (PD) that prevented having bedrooms in the basement of these townhomes. The density here is so minimal that this rezone is to convert it from a PD to R4W to allow bedrooms in the basements where there are already proper egress windows.

There was no further discussion.

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

Vice-President Thomas read Ordinance No. 11-20 by title only.

There was no discussion.

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

Vice-President Thomas read Ordinance No. 12-20 by title only.

There was no discussion after the aforementioned amendment.

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]

Vice-President Thomas read Resolution No. 14-20 by title only.

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Vice-President Thomas stated that President Bunder sent a note this week explaining that the Climate Strike group would like to have some more time to organize themselves on this Resolution. They have requested that this be withdrawn to the September Council meeting.

Councilor DeBoer moved to table Resolution No. 14-20 to a time certain, being the September 8, 2020, Council meeting. Councilor Parker seconded the motion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Blanco	Aye
Bunder	Absent
DeBoer	Aye
Kang	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Parker	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Absent

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Councilor Sanders stated that he would urge the people working on this Resolution to be more precise in their definition of what a 20% reduction is; it does not say 20% of what. It could mean that each time it is 20% of what is remaining rather than 20% of the initial amount of carbon usage.

There was no further discussion.

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

Vice-President Thomas read Resolution No. 15-20 by title only.

Director of Development Easter stated that this is a continuation of our Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding disbursements.

There was no further discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor Sanders stated that he has been a strong advocate for measures of controlling COVID-19, and he wants to commend Mayor Dennis for taking forceful action which showed a great degree of foresight with the mask mandate and other things. He would like to have Mayor Dennis prepare for Monday some sort of consideration of when that mandate would end. He noted that he is not urging him to end it or rush to end it. He thinks it would be good for people to have a sense of the criteria that would indicate that ending the mandate would be the appropriate decision. Mayor Dennis stated that he will prepare to discuss that.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Parker moved for adjournment. Vice-President Thomas adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:46 p.m.