

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2020

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met electronically on December 3, 2020, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

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, Assistant City Attorney Patrick Jones, Clerk Sana Booker, and City Controller Peter Gray. Other unnamed department heads who did not speak were available on the conference line.

PRE-COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 25-20 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation To The 2020 Budget (Public Service LIT Fund) (Submitted by Controller)

President Bunder noted that Ordinance No. 25-20 has been withdrawn at the request of City Controller Gray.

Amend Resolution No. 21-20 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Miscellaneous Funds) (Prepared by Controller)

Controller Gray explained that we have had the opportunity through the Coronavirus relief fund to cover related expenses. The original rules for related expenses were expanded to include all Police and Fire payroll expenses instead of only overtime. From March 1, 2020, through the end of November the salary for sworn Police and Fire was approximately \$5 million, which encompasses the entire \$1.5 million of reimbursement allocated by the State. The State has accepted our submittal and we should receive the money sometime next week. This amended Resolution reflects allocating the reimbursement. There are also line items related to having a 27th pay period in 2020.

Councilor DeBoer moved to amend Resolution No. 21-20 by substitution. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Presentation: 2021 Proposed West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission Spending Plan - Redevelopment Commission President Larry Oates

Larry Oates, Redevelopment Commission President, reviewed the areas covered by the TIF districts at the request of Councilor Leverenz. In response to a question from President Bunder, Mr. Oates explained that neighborhood lighting is not a specific line item this year. However, the funds normally used for that is going toward lighting along the Salisbury and Grant Street Road Renovation Project, which will be in the budget for two years.

Council Elections

President Bunder and Vice-President Thomas noted that they are seeking reelection to their respective positions this year.

Appointments for Approval and Informational Appointments

Appointments to various commissions were briefly reviewed by President Bunder.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 19-20 An Ordinance Vacating A Portion Of Allison Road Within The City Of West Lafayette (Submitted by Purdue Research Foundation and Sponsored by Mayor Dennis) [No. of Readings 2 of 2] **PUBLIC HEARING**

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 19-20 by title only.

There was no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 23-20 An Ordinance To Approve Blanket Bond Coverage For 2021 (Prepared by Clerk Sana Booker) [No. of Readings 1 of 2]

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 23-20 by title only.

Clerk Booker stated that this is done every year. It is the blanket coverage of \$750,000.00, which covers everyone who represents the City that handles money. In response to a question from President Bunder, Clerk Booker noted that the amount has been the same for the years that she has been Clerk.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 24-20 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans (2021) (Prepared by Controller) [No. of Readings 1 of 2]

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 24-20 by title only.

Controller Gray stated that this is done regularly for cash flow purposes.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 25-20 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation To The 2020 Budget (Public Service LIT Fund) (Submitted by Controller) [No. of Readings 2 of 2] **PUBLIC HEARING**

Controller Gray noted that this item was withdrawn earlier in the meeting.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 26-20 An Ordinance Clarifying The Existing Solid Waste Code (Sponsored by Mayor John Dennis) [No. of Readings 1 of 2]

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 26-20 by title only.

Controller Gray explained that this item is just to clarify wording in the current Code.

Later in the meeting, Councilor Sanders requested to return to this item. He asked for information about the term “metal bale.” Controller Gray explained that it is the bar on the trash can that the trucks can attach to in order to pick up the container.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 27-20 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 11-20, 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]

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 27-20 by title only.

Controller Gray stated that Ordinance Nos. 27-20, 28-20, 29-20, and 30-20 are all minor adjustments to the salary ordinances for both 2020 and 2021.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 28-20 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 05-20, To Fix The 2020 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 Public Works) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 28-20 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 29-20 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 14-20, To Fix 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 1]

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 29-20 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 30-20 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance 15-20, To Fix 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 Public Works) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

President Bunder read Ordinance No. 30-20 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Resolution No. 20-20 A Resolution To Establish New Funds (Wellness Center, CARES IFA, and CARES CDBG) (Prepared by Controller) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

President Bunder read Resolution No. 20-20 by title only.

Controller Gray stated that this Resolution is to create funds related to accepting the CARES reimbursement and items related to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for COVID-19. It also establishes the fund for the Wellness Center.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 21-20 (Amended) A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Miscellaneous Funds) (Prepared by Controller) [No. of Readings 1 of 1]

President Bunder read Resolution No. 21-20 (Amended) by title only.

Controller Gray noted that this item was discussed and amended earlier in the meeting.

There was no further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor DeBoer moved for adjournment. President Bunder adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:50 p.m.