

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 1, 2019

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers at the Temporary City Hall – Former Happy Hollow Elementary School on July 1, 2019, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Peter Bunder, Nick DeBoer, Steve Dietrich, Jonathan Jones, Gerry Keen, Larry Leverenz, Gerald Thomas, and Norris Wang.

Absent: David Sanders

Also present: Mayor John Dennis, Corporation Counsel Eric Burns, Clerk Sana Booker, Street Commissioner Ben Anderson, Director of Development Erik Carlson, Facilities Director Tim Clark, Director of Rental Housing Inspections Dale Dixon, Deputy Director of Development Erin Easter, Human Resources Director Diane Foster, City Engineer Ed Garrison, City Controller Peter Gray, Police Chief Troy Harris, Fire Chief Tim Heath, WWTU Director David Henderson, Parks Superintendent Kathy Lozano, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Need, Building Commissioner Chad Spitznagle, and Deputy Police Chief David VanVactor.

MINUTES

Councilor Keen moved for acceptance of the minutes of the May 30, 2019, Pre-Council Meeting, and the June 3, 2019, Common Council Meeting. Councilor DeBoer seconded the motion, and the motion passed by 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 Westminster is currently working on replatting and rezoning within their compound.

Councilor Bunder asked if the item will come back to the Council, to which Councilor Leverenz responded yes.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Merit Award: First Class Police Officer Brandon J. Bonnell – Exceptional Service Award – Police Merit Commission

Police Chief Harris acknowledged Officer Brandon Bonnell's hard work, dedication, and service to a member of the community in need. Officer Bonnell's shift commander, Sergeant Aron Thompson, nominated him for the award. Chief Harris then read the nomination letter aloud:

On May 29, 2019 Ofc Brandon Bonnell successfully reunited an individual

with an extremely happy and grateful family from Chicago, IL after five years of her having disappeared from their lives, leaving them with numerous unanswered questions about her well-being. The Lafayette Police Department, Purdue University Police Department, Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department, and the West Lafayette Police Department have responded to *numerous* calls for service since 2015 in which this individual was a person being complained about or concerned citizens requesting that her well-being be checked. There are twenty-four documented reports on file regarding this individual as an offender and her having been warned for trespassing at many, various locations throughout Tippecanoe County. There are *countless* more calls-for-service and police work-hours that all of these police agencies have responded to regarding this individual.

The individual has, at this time, an undiagnosed mental health condition and due to this, she was embarrassed and determined not to change her children's and family's perception of her. The individual left her marriage, career, family, and life in Chicago, IL and began living on the streets of the Greater Lafayette area for the last four plus years.

Ofc Bonnell went above and beyond the call of duty each and every time he came into contact with this person. Ofc Bonnell would spend countless time speaking to her, helplessly trying to convince the individual to seek treatment at the hospital or emergency room and each time she would deny any assistance and go on living on the streets.

Ofc Bonnell was able to utilize tools that are available to each and every officer and find family information for the individual. Ofc Bonnell was finally able to successfully make contact with the individual's ex-husband who was in complete disbelief that the individual was homeless. Through many phone calls, the vast majority of them while he was off-duty and on his own free time, Ofc Bonnell was able to make contact with the individual's brother, sister, and her children. Again, each and every one of them were very emotional and in complete disbelief that the individual was homeless and with no assistance. Through the many phone calls, Ofc Bonnell was able to arrange for the individual's son, daughter, brother, and sister to come to West Lafayette from Chicago, IL on Wednesday, May 29 and assist them in locating the individual and try to convince her to seek help with them.

On the morning of May 29, 2019 Ofc Bonnell located the individual walking near 360 Brown St. Ofc Bonnell attempted to get the individual to come to WLPD in order to get some food and unknowingly wait for reunification with her family. However, out of frustration, the individual began to walk away. Ofc Bonnell then asked the individual if she would like to speak to her son. The individual was apprehensive in believing Ofc Bonnell could truly make this happen. Ofc Bonnell contacted the individual's son by telephone and when the individual learned it truly was her son, the individual collapsed in joy, happiness, and disbelief as she had not spoken to him in five years. Ofc Bonnell, with assistance from the individual's son, was able to convince her to come to the West Lafayette Police Department to be reunited with family. Ofc Bonnell arranged for the individual to be able to shower and cleanse herself at the police department. Ofc Bonnell then took the individual to Wal-Mart where he purchased new clothing for her with his own money. Ofc Marsha Miller

purchased the individual hygiene products with her own money and provided her with some personal items from Ofc Miller's own home. Ofc Bonnell ensured that the individual was clean and dignified when she was reunited with family after five long years of being homeless. Ofc Bonnell was able to witness the tears of happiness during the reunification of the family and due to Ofc Bonnell going above and beyond the call-of- duty, the individual agreed to go home with her children and siblings and, in small steps, seek help for mental health concerns.

Chief Harris noted that the Department responds to people in crisis every day, and they have an effect on people's lives. This story was something that needed to be told publically and awarded appropriately.

Mayor Dennis stated that Officer Bonnell not only expressed extreme compassion, but demonstrated his act of being a role model for other officers to follow. Mayor Dennis presented the Exceptional Service Award to Officer Bonnell.

Officer Bonnell explained how early in his career he had a great Field Training Officer (FTO), who instructed him to be the police officer that he would want to respond to his family's emergencies. The FTO's advice has stuck with him since then, and he tries to do that every day at work. He explained that every time he was in contact with the individual he knew she had the capabilities of much more, but there was something holding her back. She was well-spoken, clean, and courteous. Officer Bonnell took it upon himself to try encourage her to get the necessary help she needed whenever he would come into contact with her. Recently he was able to get in contact with her family and everything fell into place from there. Everyone in law enforcement starts out with the goal to help people. Those occasions when they are able to truly make a difference in someone's life is what it truly is all about for the officers. Officer Bonnell expressed his appreciation to Chief Harris and the Police Merit Commission for honoring him with the award. He also expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Dave Lord, and Sergeant Aron Thompson for the nomination. Lastly, he thanked his biggest supporters, which included his wife and daughter.

Councilor Bunder, on behalf of the entire Council, thanked Officer Bonnell for his hard work.

Go Greener Garden Award: Jill Suitor and Scott Feld – Go Greener Commission

Councilor Bunder stated that this award is for the property that is located at the corner of Salisbury Street and Stadium Avenue. The recipients of this Go Greener Garden Award are Jill Suitor and Scoot Feld, who have been honored previously with the Beautification Award.

Council Appointment: Go Greener Commission – Maureen Berry

Councilor Bunder reported that two members of the Go Greener Commission have moved. The Commission is now in the process of replacing them.

Councilor Dietrich motioned for approval of the Council Appointment of Maureen Berry for the Go Greener Commission, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

City Controller Gray reported that we are 50% of the way through the year. The overall budget is at 50%, and continuing to be on track. There will be an in-house work session On Tuesday, July 9, at 4:30 pm in the Council Chambers to review the budget.

LEGAL REPORT

This report is on file.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Joint Board Report

Councilor DeBoer announced that the next Joint Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at noon in the Council Chambers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 15-19 An Ordinance Of The Common Council Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana To Provide Conduit Financing For Friendship House, LLC (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 15-19 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 15-19 on second and final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Tyler Kalachnik (Bond Counsel, ICE Miller), reminded the body that this ordinance deals with the rehabilitation and expansion of Friendship House, which is being funded with tax exempt bonds. This will provide the ability to have tax credits raise equity for the project with the Indiana Housing Community Development Authority, who is expected to make the award later this month. This ordinance will allow the bonds to be issued by the City. This will not be a debt of the City's, nor payable from taxes. There will be no effect on constitutional debt limit or bank qualified status for other bonds. Mr. Kalachnik noted that Stu Kline from Friendship Housing is in attendance this evening to answer any project questions.

Councilor Bunder asked how this will connect to the work that is currently taking place at Area Plan Commission (APC) and what the changes would be, to which Mr. Kalachnik responded that it is just a requirement of statute. Every time Economic Development Commission (EDC) approves a project, a project report will go to APC. Due to this being an existing project, there is not any controversy expected.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<u>Councilperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Absent
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 15-19 passed on second and final reading.

Ordinance No. 13-19 An Ordinance Protecting Bicycle Riders (Submitted by the Engineering Department) [Continued from June meeting]

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 13-19 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 13-19 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Assistant City Engineer Smith stated that there was a short amendment to the ordinance that was presented last month. There was a concern raised about fines being applied to someone for an accidental offense. The clause that regards fines for dooring bicyclists has added the word "intentionally." The rest of the section will still apply, and puts the responsibility on the person who is opening the door to make sure it is in a safe area.

Corporation Counsel Burns clarified that there is the word intentional in Section 38-257. Before that in sub-paragraph one there is also the addition of words "who cannot avoid collision with the door and who are lawfully."

Councilor Dietrich moved to amend Ordinance No. 13-19 with the aforementioned changes, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Keen. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Smith stated that there were four changes to the ordinance. The changes included vulnerable road user law, no parking in bicycle lanes, the dooring sections, and the where to ride section, which clarifies the law that allows bicyclists to be on the road. This provides further definition of what is lawful to be in road, and State Code states that a bicyclist is able to be as far right as practicable. The majority of these changes come from the League of American Bicyclists.

Councilor DeBoer brought up that there were concerns at the last Council meeting that parts of the ordinance were redundant with State Code, and might place the burden incumbent on the bicyclist. He noted his surprise of the no-show of force by cyclists in the community, who are typically vocal when looking for changes. There are still arising concerns and questions on if the ordinance is necessary. Mr. Smith responded that the body will be hearing support later on. The City is currently behind the ball on many of the issues addressed within the language of the ordinance. Indiana is ranked in the bottom ten for State Code. Other municipalities have been working on similar updates.

Tom Gall (214 Woods Edge Court) stated that he used to live in West Lafayette for 20 years prior to moving to Houston, Texas, for the last ten years, where he became a league certified instructor at a League of American Cyclists. The amendments are Nationwide created items, and clarify the law for officers and citizens. This ordinance is about protecting people who are lawfully riding their bicycles on City facilities. For example, in Houston a cyclist was stopped, pushed the crosswalk button, entered the crosswalk at the appropriate time, and was then run over by a right turner who was not aware that the cyclists had been waiting for the crosswalk in front of them. Their current regulations did not allow for the cyclist to be in the crosswalk, and the driver was not at fault. These incidents are going on around the Country, and call for these improvements and protections to be necessary.

Curt Ashondale (108 Creighton Road) discussed his involvement in cycling for an extended period of time in West Lafayette. He has been serving on the Citizens Advisory Panel that was established by former Councilwomen Jan Mills. The group discussed the ordinances to address the issue, but were more concerned with the issue of the practical impact. These codified what standard practice is. These ordinances can potentially protect bicyclists from actions by others, as well as protecting cyclists who are doing the right thing, but someone accuses them of doing the wrong thing. The ordinances can also encourage the State to clarify language, and potentially increase penalties that only the State is allowed to do. The more municipalities that adopt these ordinances, the more likely it will be that the State will harmonize the conflicting issues. Lastly, it

will make the City appear that they are acting more to protect cyclists. There are many potential impacts, which include some local, immediate, and further down the road.

Thomas Kesler (479 Maple Street), asked if there was a plan to get the ordinance broadcasted to the cycling community. He then described a past experience with a cyclist while driving. Mr. Kesler noted his concern of bicyclists coming up from behind as a citizen who is driving approaches a stop sign and the cyclist continues to go straight through the stop sign. He questioned what will happen in the fall when there are piles of leaves on roads that include bicycle lanes.

Zachary Baiel (124 Connelly Street) expressed his disagreement with the League of American Bicyclists. As someone who has been cycling for over 30 years, he noted that he does not see the purported impact in speculation at the State level. There is a vast amount of confusion and burden on the cyclists to make judgement calls to be in and out when deciding how far right they should be on a particular road. Indiana Code 9-21-11 is extremely readable as a part of statute, which does not need further explanation. Many cyclists and drivers do not typically review Municode for later changes that they may have missed. The Engineering Department was asked if any education related programming for the ordinance had been scheduled, to which they responded that there were not any plans at this time. It was encouraged that a map of the impact of the newly designated "No Parking" areas to be available on the City website. Indiana Code 9-21-9-6 states that the speed limit is allowed to be lowered. Speed limits are able to be modified and lowered to 25 mph without any further investigation. If the City lowers the speed limit to 20 mph a formal investigation is required. This ordinance states that if a cyclist is hit and is not riding lawfully, they are not protected. In order to be lawful, the language states that bicycles are required to be registered with the City. Any unregistered cyclists would then not be protected.

John Whalin (517 Emily Drive) brought up driving on Salisbury Street and how it needs work. If we are going to enact this ordinance, we should follow-up with lines and handling traffic. It currently is a mess, and drivers never know where cyclists will be. He acknowledged that he agreed with Councilor DeBoer's previous statements. He noted his concern for the intersection of US-Hwy 52 and Salisbury Street.

Patrick Hagmaier (375 Brown Street), in reference to Mr. Whalin's point for the intersection of US-Hwy 52 and Salisbury Street, stated that the intersection will be addressed. The issue is currently being worked on with proposals for the City on bicycle traffic that will go across the Redevelopment Commission (RDC). It is part of the big plan for the Recreation Center. Further, he expressed his approval of the ordinance because it helps to establish some fault for the cyclists, especially in the section discussing injury. You cannot insure bicycles in accidents, and there is no insurance company who will write it. Bicycles are only able to be insured as personal property, and only in the case of theft will it be replaced. Cyclists do not get the same protections as those with a vehicle. It then becomes an uphill battle for a cyclist when trying to take any legal action in the case of an accident. There may be flaws, but we are able to have a ticket stating that the other party is at fault in accident.

Councilor Wang explained that when a police officer issues a ticket for one of these incidents, a Judge is able to recognize that there was a finding of fault. If an officer is unsure of who is at fault, the officer will typically not issue a ticket, and it will be left up to the trial court. When an officer issues a ticket they will have to make a detailed re-construction, and will tie them up in a court of action if someone was hurt. This may expose an officer to an undue burden, and the officer can be in a difficult position. The situation will most likely be one person's word against another.

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Councilor DeBoer stated that in Section 1(a)(2) describes that the individual who is not at fault is someone who only has a bicycle that is registered with the City. He asked how many bicycles are registered in the City, and if the language will end up criminalizing the vast majority of people who do not have their bicycle registered.

Corporation Counsel Burns stated that during his years as the City Attorney, he has been struck that the small licensing fee for bicycles has been a bit of waste of time, energy, and money for everyone involved. In his opinion, the only value of the registration process is to help in the case of a stolen lost bicycle. If encouraged by a Council member, he would be more than willing to discuss the situation with the Police Chief to make it more commonsensible.

Councilor Wang remembers registering his bicycle with the Purdue Police Department and the City during his years at Purdue University. He questioned if that would have been a duplication of services. Councilor Dietrich responded that according to the City Code, it states that residents are required to register.

Corporation Counsel Burns stated that there is an interlocal agreement with Purdue that could affect the situation.

Police Chief Harris reported during the recent recodification, there were changes made stating that the City would no longer collect a fee in an attempt to encourage people to register their bicycles. The City does not have a lot of people who take advantage of registering their bicycles.

Councilor DeBoer asked if someone on an unregistered bicycle would be violating City Code, to which Chief Harris responded no.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Absent
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 13-19 (Amended) passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 14-19 An Ordinance Recodifying Article V Rental Housing Inspection And Certification Of The West Lafayette City Code (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 14-19 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 14-19 on second and final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Building Commissioner Spitznagle stated that in order to ensure that the Rental Housing Inspection Ordinance meets State Code, Corporation Counsel has been involved throughout the entire process in drafting this legislation. The only difference in the fees for this legislation compared to the one that was passed last year is the registration fee.

Councilor Dietrich asked if the City was still collecting a \$5.00 legal fee, to which Commissioner Spitznagle responded yes.

In response to a questions asked by Councilor Jones, Building Commissioner Spitznagle confirmed that the State requires that if a landlord uses a private inspector, who meets the certification requirements, inspections are done annually. The State Code has a series of alternatives for inspections, and the City would ensure that the inspection complies with State statute. If a City Inspector is used, inspections will be required every two years for a single-family home and every four years for purpose-built multi-family homes.

Gretchen White (Indiana Apartment Association) brought up the discussion from last summer to increase the fees for inspections. She expressed her appreciation to Building Commissioner Spitznagle and Rental Housing Inspection Director Dixon for fielding questions from members about what the self-inspection would entail, as well as inspections for HUD Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC). She explained that she had one issue to be considered in the future. The registration fee of \$5.00 does not currently have a process in place within the legislation that includes a deadline. Ms. White explained that this information would be beneficial to those involved.

[Zachary Baiel proceeded to the podium.]

Councilor Bunder said, "So, Zach, you are putting me in awkward place. If I let you speak every time you have an issue, then it looks like I am endorsing your candidacy for Mayor. If I do not let you speak, then it looks like I am endorsing Mayor Dennis. Let me cut you a deal. You can speak once on one issue that you really like – you can talk now too – one issue that you really like and at the end. That is it – Okay?"

Zachary Baiel responded by reading from the meeting agenda, "Citizens Comments. Public Comment: We welcome public comment and encourage active participation at this meeting. However, in order to proceed efficiently, public comment will be limited to two areas of this meeting. First, there will be an opportunity for public comment on ordinances or resolutions – such as Ordinance No. 14-19 – currently before the Council. These comments should be limited to three minutes in length and be germane and relevant to the Ordinance. We can talk about it after the meeting more if you would like, but I would like to comment on Ordinance No. 14-19."

Councilor Bunder said, "Sure, go ahead."

Zachary Baiel responded, "Well, thank you Councilor. I appreciate it."

Mr. Baiel proceeded by stating that it looks like probably the largest thing, in regards to the exterior maintenance responsibility, is that there is a form filled out now that dictates who is responsible. This legislation is read as the owner is responsible. There is a \$100.00 fine per violation for snow removal, exterior is clean and free from trash, and yard maintenance on rental properties. Since they are not particularly defined in the ordinance, there is no subsequent infraction increase like the other violations and fees within the language. This may spur local money within the community for young entrepreneurs to do such services. He stated that he was unsure if there was data created since the claim of Section E for the appendix A. There is a continued wide-

spread problem with over-occupancy of rental housing. He noted that he would continue that conversation with Director Dixon to the particular claim.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Absent
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 14-19 passed on second and final reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 16-19 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect. (Z-2765 Browning Investments/JC Hart – Adam Chavers) (Continuum PD) (OR to PDMX) (Sponsored by Area Plan Commission)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 16-19 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 16-19 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Joe Bumbleburg (Ball Eggleston PC), representing the petitioner, stated that this petition is brought with the consent of the landowner, which is the Purdue Research Foundation (PRF). The landowner is requesting a PDMX zoning. This is a mixed-use building located on a single lot. The building will contain 249 apartment units, which will include 166 one-bedroom units and 83 two-bedroom units. There will be 14,800 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and a 654 space internal structured parking garage. The property is located on the southwest corner of the State Street and Foundry Drive intersection. The property is currently zoned as OR, along with other properties in the area. Much of this property for this area is owned by the Trustees of Purdue University. To the east of the property is the Convergence planned development, which is a PDRS zone that is currently under construction. Further to the east is the Innovation Place, also commonly known as Aspire, which is currently under construction in the Discovery Park. The subject property is currently being cleared with the demolition of the Purdue Married Student Housing. There has been a goal of imposing an urban street grid for the area, and will be accomplished through this planned development. This project will improve the street system when the developer installs an extension to McCutcheon Drive, and an extension of District Boulevard. He noted that they are abiding by the Master Plan guidelines for the whole area. All meetings with Area Plan Commission (APC) and City staff have been successful. The APC staff recommendation was for seven items, all of which are things that are seen on a regular basis and cause no problems. This rezone received a favorable unanimous vote by the APC.

Councilor Thomas stated that he like the looks of the development, and finds it to be appealing. He noted his appreciation of the streetscape and landscape that have been included in the development. He brought up how his son recently moved into an apartment located in Indianapolis, where the parking was also internal. He asked if the internal parking garage was due to space issues, or perhaps the garages are not eye appealing.

Randy Sherman (Weaver Sherman Architect), responded that the reason the parking garage is in the middle of the block is for aesthetic reasons, and to enclose the building around it. It will give the building an urban edge. This allows a convenience for the users to park at each level of the floor they are renting.

Councilor Leverenz stated that one of the other unique things about this development, compared to others, is the retail space off of State Street. This will give a better street appeal.

Councilor Dietrich stated that when the whole project started in the area there was concern with location and connection to nanotechnology for the roads going through. He asked if the issue had been resolved, to which Rich Michael (Purdue Research Foundation) responded yes. The good thing is that this project is far enough away, and we are maintaining a suitable distance to avoid those type of issues. Councilor Dietrich continued by stating that this is a complete private project, although PRF is the property owner. He expressed concern that from the City's standpoint this could be a situation similar to Wang Hall, to which Mr. Michael reassured him that this is not the same situation.

Council Bunder added that the project will help the TIF district.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Absent
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 16-19 passed on first and only reading.

Resolution No. 05-19 A Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of An Application With The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development, For Community Development Block Grant Funds, As Provided In Title I Of The Community Development Act Of 1974, As Amended (Submitted by Department of Development)

Councilor Keen read Resolution No. 05-19 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 05-19 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

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Deputy Director of Development Easter stated that this resolution is a formality in terms of our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Even though we are an entitlement City and subject to receive these funds, we are still required to apply for them. This is the official request for permission to apply for the funds through HUD.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Aye
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Absent
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 05-19 passed on first and only reading.

Resolution No. 06-19 A Resolution Appropriating The Necessary Funds Resulting From The 2019 Community Development Application Of The City Of West Lafayette Under Title I Of The Housing And Community Development Act Of 1974, As Amended (Submitted by Department of Development)

Councilor Keen read Resolution No. 06-19 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 06-19 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor DeBoer.

Deputy Director of Development Easter explained that when the amount is announced the Mayor's Advisory Committee takes an analysis of potential funding opportunities for the City through this grant. There is a process that includes a few public meetings where the agencies apply for these funds, who are vetted through that group. Coming through all of the steps, we have our funding that is codified into our Community Action Plan. She noted that there is a breakdown of how the funds will be allocated from the \$426,300.00 received from HUD, which is included within the resolution.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Aye
Leverenz	Aye

Councilperson	Vote
Sanders	Absent
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 06-19 passed on first and only reading.

REPORT BY THE MAYOR

There was no report.

COMMUNICATIONS

► There were no communications.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

► Mr. Baiel expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to participate in our fragile democracy. He encouraged the Council to make sure there is public prioritization processes and feedback loops in place for the Community Development funds. After speaking with residents in the Bar Berry Heights area about the sidewalk replacement in previous years, it was determined that the curbs were left and now they are deteriorating. Grant money has been a major question that people have been discussing this year. He questioned if the Council was aware of any processes or systems to follow what initiatives various departments are pursuing from a grant perspective. There has been discussion about what art programs will be available in the future. There is carved out space for art rooms in the new City Hall renovations, but we may not be able to sustain all of programming. In reference to Ord. No. 13-19, Mr. Baiel urged the City to partner with local cycling groups to raise awareness and perform education programming. Many people do not follow the rules of the road. We have recently added another mode of transportation. He stated the scooters should be in the bicycle lanes, rather than the sidewalks. He concluded by stating that he would be happy to help with the education of residents.

► Mr. Kesler stated that today there is an electric bicycle parked on the sidewalk on Maple Street. It is on the stretch of the sidewalk that he cleaned up for his neighbor. He noted his curiosity on whether or not the City is receiving income from taxes related to the bicycles. Concrete collection continues. There are numerous trashcans in the alley without lids, so he is constantly dumping rain water out of them. On a different note, the news recently showed that in Oregon there were Republican members of the State legislators who fled the State capital because they did not want to vote on a proposal regarding climate change. He expressed his curiosity on what Republicans from Indianapolis think about the behavior. In the State of the State Address, the Governor stated that we do not hold businesses back with high taxes and regulations. The address also included that we would be finding ways to pay teachers and people who work in the child services more. For years, State leaders have proudly stated that the reason why wages are lower in Indiana is because the cost of living is lower. As Mr. Kesler looked back on living in those affairs, he questioned how he should handle his share of increasing the pay for teachers and child services workers. The increases are necessary, and he sees it as a challenge.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor DeBoer moved for adjournment, and President Bunder adjourned the meeting the time being 7:42 p.m.