

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE  
COMMON COUNCIL  
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 5, 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 September 5, 2019, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Peter Bunder, Nick DeBoer, Steve Dietrich, Larry Leverenz, David Sanders, Gerald Thomas, and Norris Wang.

Absent: Jonathan Jones and Gerry Keen.

Also present: Mayor John Dennis, Corporation Counsel Eric Burns, Clerk Sana Booker, IT Director Brad Alexander, Street Commissioner Ben Anderson, Director of Development Erik Carlson, Facilities Director Tim Clark (4:38 p.m.), Human Resources Director Diane Foster, City Engineer Ed Garrison, City Controller Peter Gray, Fire Chief Tim Heath, WWTU Director David Henderson, Parks Superintendent Kathy Lozano, Building Commissioner Chad Spitznagle, and Police Deputy Chief David VanVactor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 21-19 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans (Motor Vehicle Highway to General Fund) (Submitted by Controller)

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 21-19 by title only.

City Controller Gray explained that this is the second reading for a temporary loan that is designed to help cover cash flow, in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 22-19 An Ordinance Setting The 2020 City Budget And Setting The 2020 Tax Levy On Property And Tax Rate (Submitted by Controller)

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 22-19 by title only.

City Controller Gray stated that this is the second reading of the City Budget for 2020, and there have been no changes since last month.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 23-19 An Ordinance Amending The Solid Waste Ordinance To Provide For Roll-Off Dumpster Rental (Submitted by Mayor John Dennis)

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 23-19 by title only.

There was no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 24-19 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect. (Z-2771 Morris Rentals, LLC – Susan Morris Johnson) (443 Vine Street PD) (R2U to PDRS) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 24-19 by title only.

Marianne Mitten Owen (Stuart & Branigin, LLP), stated that all of the necessary details are explained within the documents. This is a rezone from R2U to PDRS for a planned development located at 443 Vine Street.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 25-19 Amending The West Lafayette City Code Concerning Building Permit Conflicts Of Interest (Sponsored by Mayor John Dennis)

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 25-19 by title only.

Corporation Counsel Burns explained that State law has changed, which has made it incumbent upon units of government to have a replacement in place if there is ever a conflict of interest. We are tracking the State law and sharing the trade-off duties in case any of those duties would ever arise with the County or City of Lafayette.

Building Commissioner Spitznagle added that we have designated the County and the City of Lafayette as our back-up entities if necessary. He gave an example of a scenario of where a conflict of interest would come into play. He explained that if the City's Building Commissioner was required to apply for an improvement location permit they would not be allowed to approve their own permit.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 26-19 An Ordinance To Set The 2020 Salary Schedule For The Elected Officials Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Submitted by the Controller)

Ordinance No. 27-19 An Ordinance To Set 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 the Controller)

Ordinance No. 28-19 An Ordinance To Set 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)

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance Nos. 26-19 to 28-19 by title only.

City Controller Gray explained that these ordinances are the three salary ordinances for 2020, which correspond with the 2020 City Budget and reflect the 2% cost-of-living increase.

In response to a question asked by Councilor Bunder, Controller Gray confirmed that the extra pay period has been accounted for within the salary ordinances.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 07-19 Resolution Approving Bond Issuance By And For West Lafayette Public Library (Sponsored by Mayor John Dennis)

Councilor Bunder read Resolution No. 07-19 by title only.

Councilor Bunder asked Corporation Counsel Burns about an amendment for this resolution. Corporation Counsel Burns confirmed his recommendation that an amendment by insertion be made. He explained that the amount of \$11 million dollars was added after the agenda deadline.

Councilor Wang motioned to amend Resolution No. 07-19 by insertion, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dietrich. The motion was adopted.

Nick Schenkle (West Lafayette Public Library Director), explained that this resolution is to allow the Library Board to issue bonds for library improvements, in amount not-to-exceed \$11 million.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 08-19 A Resolution Congratulating Ms. Abigail Mills on Winning the Soap Box Derby's Master's Division Championship (Submitted by Councilor Peter Bunder)

Councilor Bunder read Resolution No. 08-19 by title only.

Councilor Bunder, on behalf of Assemblywoman Chris Campbell, explained that this resolution is to recognize the achievement of Abigail Mills and will be presented on Monday.

There was no further discussion.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

► Zachary Baiel (124 Connolly Street) stated that in regards to the second reading for the budget, there are numbers that do not match from three year summary. The Council has been silent on emails, and Controller Gray has indicated he has not had the time to research the issue any further. After discussion with Corporation Counsel, he indicated that there are not any records because there is no documentation about any of those reductions. There is a discrepancy between the adopted amounts that were reported in Indiana Gateway, and the three year summary. Next, we are missing golden opportunities to educate the public on Ordinance No. 13-19, which protects bicycle riders. On the City's website, the only on-going project is the ordinance and the bicycle friendly community certification. He encouraged the Council in helping the City in looking for ways to continue to look for opportunities as cycling season is winding down. He noted that he has an outstanding request with the City to get a copy of certain application, but plans to follow-up with Clerk Booker after the meeting tonight. Lastly, the West Lafayette Downtown Planning Meeting was Thursday, August 29, 2019. The meeting was not listed on the City or the County's websites. In the future, we hope to not miss the opportunity to inform the public on these websites. Public outreach is always a hot topic, and there will continue to be differences in opinions on when the public should be involved. The Steering Committee had various voices who were not included in their process. However, a student was able to be an observer but did not have an input role.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor DeBoer moved for adjournment. President Bunder adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:42 p.m.